

Attention Church Leaders:

A special leadership event is scheduled for Saturday, January 11 from 9am-12pm in the fellowship hall. This event will include a time of training for leadership roles and a time of planning for our future ministry together at First Church. All members of committees and ministry pillars should plan to attend. A light breakfast and childcare will be provided.

Thank you to all the leaders for your willingness to serve the Lord through serving on committees and ministry pillars. Be in prayer for this special event, and thanks in advance for your participation. Please contact Pastor Jodie if you have questions.

Church family– have you had a change of address, phone number, or email? We want to keep in contact with you! Please notify the church office at 928-9222 or office@1stchurchjc.org of any changes so that we can update our records. Thank you!

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

DEC. 29, 2019-JAN. 4, 2020

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 9:15 Fifth Sunday Breakfast
- 10:30 Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- New Year’s Eve

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

- New Year’s Day

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

- 10:00 Circle of Faith-Conference Rm.
- 6:00 Wayfinders
- 6:30 Finance Committee

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

- 6:30 Circle of Friends

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

- USHERS:** Judy Cook, Janice Moore, Carla Peterson, Ann Mohap
- GREETERS:** Karen & Dale Schmitt*, Chris & Katie Keinath, Kendal Fox & Sean Eden, Ben & Cathy Peebles (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)
- PRAYER:** Nancy Campbell **CROSSBEARER:** Zane Huff
- ACOLYTE:** Mikah Dukes **BEADLE:** Reece Kelley
- AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor



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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the blue registration pad at one end of each pew. Information about 1st Church can be found inside the front cover. Please help yourself to any of these materials. If you are a new visitor today, please stop by the Welcome Station immediately following the service, in the room at the rear of the sanctuary. We have a gift for you and want to meet you!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 29, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "In Dulci Jubilo" Arr. James Vivian

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christmas Day came and is now fading from our memory,

People: but the Baby born to be our Savior lives on.

Leader: The gifts we gave and received are all opened and put away,

People: but our God, who came to love us, keeps on giving.

Leader: The world’s observance is over.

People: But we, the church, still celebrate.

Leader: If we listen, we can still hear the angels’ song.

People: We hear, we remember, and we lift our voices with theirs in singing praise to the newborn King.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our Father, it’s only a few days after Christmas and we are beginning to struggle.

People: We have been reminded of Your great love in the birth of Your Son, Jesus.

Leader: We have enjoyed family and friends. We have felt the joy of sharing with others in need.

People: But now the world is calling us back to "normalcy," and it is hard in the "normal" times to keep our eyes focused on You.

Leader: Forgive us when we forget the warmth of Christmas and the joy of loving and serving.

People: Give us the will and courage to live as people of the light in every season. Give us the warmth of Your presence, and strengthen us daily for joyful service in Your name.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: In the stillness, feel the presence of God in this place, warming our hearts, forgiving our sins, calming our fears, and preparing us for service in His name. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: Through Jesus Christ, born in human flesh, we are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:7-15

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN

HYMNS OF REFLECTION "What Child is This?" and "Child of the Poor"

Congregation: What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent word is pleading.

Chorus

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own Him;

The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus

(please be seated)

Choir: Helpless and hungry, lonely, afraid, wrapped in the chill of midwinter,
Comes now among us, born into poverty's embrace, new life for the world.

Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

Who is the stranger here in our midst, looking for shelter among us?

Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor, the children of God?

Bring all the thirsty; all who seek peace; bring those with nothing to offer.

Strengthen the feeble; say to the frightened heart, "Fear not; here is your God."

Congregation: So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king to own Him;

The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Children 2nd grade & younger are welcome to meet the adult leader at the door at the front of the sanctuary as the offertory begins to go to Children's Church.

OFFERTORY "The First Noel" Arr. Rebecca Bonam

DOXOLOGY No. 94

GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:18-21, 2:13-23

SERMON "Stepping Up- The Story of Joseph" Mr. Steve Gross

***HYMN OF JOY** "Angels From the Realms of Glory" No. 220

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.

December 29, 2019 Prayer Requests

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Requested by _____

Prayer list:

Barbara Marrs	Gary Roberts
Elizabeth Bailey	Noah Cook
Nancy Jewell	Lou Thornberry
Elizabeth Wells	Denver Parrett
Catherine Cartus	Luke Holmes
Tom Palmer	Reed Davis
Kevin Jones	Eddie Deakins
Bob & Dee Lentz	Lori Marriott
Evelyn Moore	The Gouge family
Jo Cross	Patricia Brantley
Jerry & Judy Rust	Susan Gray
Gary J. Harkins	Doris Welch
Magnolia Ridge family of recovery	Bob McGuire
Roy & Sharyn Lessly	Mack & Corrine Ballard
Betty McGaha	Viola & Bobby Seay
Steve Wilkinson	Family & friends of Ethan Brown
Rev. Bill Carter	

Live flower arrangements may be placed in the chancel area in honor or in loving memory of someone special for any Sunday of the year. Please notify Pat Faber by leaving a message in the church office at 928-9222. Requests for specific dates will be honored based on the date the request was received. On Sundays when there is no request we will continue to enjoy the lovely flowers that Susan Fields provides for our church.