

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

December 23, 2007, 10:40 a.m.

The Community Gathers to Worship God

Prelude “Prelude on “Sing We Now of Christmas” arr. Barr

Welcome to First Christian Church Jerry Basye

*Moment of Fellowship

*Song of Gathering 119(v1)
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come away from haste and frantic busyness.
This is the season for quiet waiting.

All: It is hard to still our souls when we are so busy. It is hard to be patient with ourselves or others.

Leader: Receive God’s mercy and strengthen your hearts.
A Savior is coming; God’s love is near.

All: We want to hear and believe God’s promises. We want to become patient, loving seekers.

Leader: God presents us with a high and holy way. Come before God now with praise and singing.

All: We sense the joy God offers to us. Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

*Opening Hymn 143
“Joy to the World”

*Invocation Greg Turner

*Gloria Patri 35

The Community Proclaims the Word of God

Lighting of the Advent Candles Frandsen Family

Children’s Sermon Brenda Dooley

Anthem arr. Rhoades
“Amid the Cold of Winter”

Isaiah 7:10-14 Greg Turner
O.T. 779

Sermon Scripture Matthew 1:18-24
N.T. 1

Sermon Jerry Basye
“The Most Beautiful Story”

The Community Responds to the Word of God

Prayers for the Church Family Jerry Basye

The 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Prayer Response

Call to Discipleship
(We invite you to come forward during the hymn of discipleship to make your confession of faith, transfer your membership, or rededicate your life.)

*Hymn of Discipleship 151 (V. 1,2,3,5)
“The First Noel”

(Elders and Deacons may move to the rear of the sanctuary during the hymn.)

The Community Shares in Christ’s Life

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Offering Al Gosney

Offertory arr. Laskey

Partita on “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

*Doxology 46

*Prayer of Dedication Al Gosney

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to Holy Communion Jerry Basye

Words of Institution

Hymn of Communion 163

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Prayers for the Elements Al Gosney
Mary Howey

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

(All are invited to partake of the bread and the cup as the trays are passed.)

The Community Departs for Ministry

*Benediction Jerry Basye

*Congregational Response 167(v1)
“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

*Postlude “Christmas Postlude” arr. Ellson

Enter To Worship, Depart To Serve

***All who are able, please stand**



Sunday, Dec. 23

9:30 a.m.-Sunday School (All ages)
10:40 a.m.-Worship
Coffee Fellowship

Monday, Dec. 24

1:00 p.m.-Office Closed
7:00 p.m.-Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!
Office Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 26

Office Closed

Thursday, Dec. 27

N/A

Friday, Dec. 28

8:00 a.m.-Breakfast Bunch @ Dinner Bell

Sunday, Dec. 30

9:30 a.m.-Sunday School
10:40 a.m.-Worship
Coffee Fellowship
NO YOUTH MEETINGS

SERVING TODAY –December 23, 2007

Presiding Elder: Al Gosney

Elders: Al Gosney, Mary Howey

Liturgist: Greg Turner

Deacons: Ren DeShong, Jay DeShong, Mary Frances Hall, Kenneth Martin, Mark Stillwell, Janet Ritchhart, Carrie Laws, Jody Miller

Asst. Deacons: Sterling Granger, Abby Frandsen, Wes Maness, Taylor Brockhaus

Deaconess: Weilella Baldwin

Acolyte: Caroline Smith

Children's Sermon: Brenda Dooley

Staff

Pastor:

Jerry Basye

Youth Ministry:

Megan Holter

Organist:

Anita Grigsby

Accompanist:

Anne Remlinger

Director of Choirs:

Gary Grigsby

Office Manager:

Cindy Howard

Custodian:

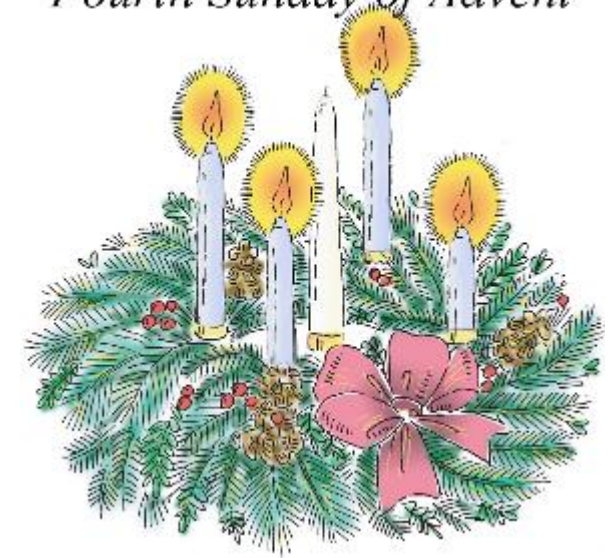
George Long

Nursery Care:

Diane Brennan

Beth Brennan

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 23, 2007

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Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls and the Holy Spirit empowers to:

- share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- explore and express a growing faith*
- equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God*

Announcements

In Our Prayers!



Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

Natalie Jayne Ulett

Diane Corbett

Ron Fitterling

Glenn Borum

Family of Imogene McMillan (Harland & Paul Osborne's Cousin)

Tammy Slifer's Family (Her father passed.)

Our Military that are deployed

Our Law Enforcement



First Christian Will Host The
Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting This Month has Changed
to Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m.