

WORSHIP SERVICE

December 25, 2022

Prelude

Special Music

Choir: "It's Christmas!"

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Christmas Carols

O Come, All Ye Faithful (#256)
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (#271)

Opening Prayer

Worship through Giving

Offertory: Noelle Dearborn

Christmas Songs

Angels We Have Heard on High
Come on Ring Those Bells
Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Solo

Meg Christian: "You're Here!"

Message

Pastor Thom Christian

Closing Song

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Benediction



OUR VISION AND MISSION

To be a biblically mature, grace-based church.

We will accomplish our vision by:

Reaching Up

through worship, exaltation, and prayer;

Reaching In

through preaching, teaching, and fellowship;

Reaching Out

through evangelism, missions, and social outreach,
that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

ALWAYS HAS, ALWAYS WILL

Thanks so much for worshipping with us today. As you leave, please go with the knowledge that God loves you! He always has; He always will. No matter what's gone wrong in your life, He'll accept you just as you are—no questions asked. He loves you, period! All He asks is your love in return. So today—right now—why not tell Jesus in your own words that you love Him. When you do, He promises to give you His peace, begin a beautiful change in you, and that He'll always be there for you—always has, always will!

CHURCH PERSONNEL

AV..Ben Shaner, Peter Pijoan, Sam Frazier, Sam Taber
Council Fred Funk, Richard Frazier, Jan Hawes,
Susan Kifer, Bruce MacGregor, Ben Shaner,
Pastor Thom, Pastor Dave

Auditors..... Bruce MacGregor, Len Peterson
Benevolence Fund..... Bruce MacGregor
Communion Preparation..... Nancy Watkins
Compassion Ministry Jerri Dempster
Facilities Richard Frazier
Kitchen Ministry..... Sarah Charles, Sue Bennett

Phyllis Forsythe, Cynthia Torosian

Library .. Sarah Charles (Adults), Bev Funk (Children)

Missions Shirley Lymburner

Offering Table Church Office

Operation Christmas Child Sam Frazier

Photographer..... Genie Bennett

Secretary/Clerk Karen Heidebrink

Sew Blessed..... Bette Frazier

Sexton..... Dale Mundo

Treasurer..... Bruce MacGregor

Trustees of Trust Funds..Bruce MacGregor, Mal Cook

Usher/Greeter Ministry ... Jane Cook, Heidi Peterson

Worship Karen Heidebrink and Worship Team

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Sunday Worship Service 10 AM

(also live streamed on Youtube)

Office Hours: Mon-Thur, 9 AM to 12 Noon

***“A Passion for God,
Compassion for People”***

Following our service, someone will be available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or to just simply hear your heart, should you wish.

A WORD TO OUR VISITORS

We are so happy you have joined us this morning. Our hope and prayer is that you will feel welcomed and encouraged as we worship our God, learn from His Word, and experience His love to begin a wonderful week.

If we can help you in any way, please let us know. We are here to serve you.

If you fill out an Information Card, located in the pew holders or on the chairs, and drop it in the offering plate, we can send you additional information of our church.

Thank you so much for being our guest!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Today	10:00 AM	Worship Service Live Streaming
Mon	12-1:00 PM	AA
Tues	12-1:00 PM	AA
Wed	12-1:00 PM	AA
	6:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal
Thurs	12-1:00 PM	AA
Fri	12-1:00 PM	AA

SERMON NOTES

“THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT!”
(John 1:29)
Pastor Thom Christian

“STABLE-LAND”
By Pastor Thom

**A star, a light, an angel bright,
It came so long ago!
And on a babe, the Hope of man,
His grace He would bestow.
THE “Gloria” would echo loud,
Of “peace upon the earth!”
And man was welcomed home again,
In a manger with a birth.
So I’ll join the “Halleluia Chorus”
With all the saints before.
And make that trek to “Stable-Land,”
Where forever I’ll adore.**

■ GOD’S PERFECT GIFT TO YOU

■ THE STORY BEGINS

■ THE GIFT HAS A NAME

■ HAVE YOU OPENED THE GIFT?

*NEXT WEEK: “A New Year’s Resolution”
(James 1:19-20)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL NOT BE A COFFEE HOUR following our Christmas Day worship service.

THE COUNCIL IS SEEKING MEMBERS who would like to assist in the financial responsibilities of the church, such as weekly counting and assisting the Treasurer. If interested, please contact Bruce MacGregor.

DINNER FOR EIGHT: Have you ever looked around the church and said to yourself, “I wish I knew more of these people that I see every Sunday morning”? Well, Dinner for Eight is a great way for people to get to know one another in an informal setting. Here’s how it works: Through the month of December we will be taking sign-ups on the list provided in the fellowship hall, and all who sign up will be assigned by random choice to a group of eight people (singles or couples), all of whom agree to help host one dinner during the January through June season. The hosts for the month will be responsible for setting the date—with input from the rest of the group—and deciding where the dinner will be held (at their home, at a restaurant, at a park, etc), and what kind of dinner it will be (potluck, host-provided etc.). If a restaurant is selected, then each person will be responsible for their own bill. Dinner for Eight is open to anybody who likes to meet and get to know people, and who likes to eat! Just think, you will no longer have to wonder how you’ll ever get to know all those people at FCC! We’ll get to know one another a lot better than before, and we’ll have a closer family at First Christian Church! Sign-ups are now being taken for the January – June season of Dinner for Eight! If you have any questions, please contact Bette Frazier.

THE WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY is taking a break for the holidays, and will resume on January 4th.

THE MEN’S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will break for the holidays and resume in January.

IF YOU ARE THE HEAD OF A MINISTRY OR DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH, please submit an annual report of your area of ministry to the church office by January 8th. Thank you so much for your help!