

# WORSHIP SERVICE

December 11, 2022

Prelude

Original Special Music

*Lou Esoldo*

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Sue Christian and the Children*

Opening Christmas Carols

*Joy to the World (#270)*

*How Great Our Joy (#269)*

Opening Prayer

Worship through Giving

Offertory: *Noelle Dearborn and Mike Lymburner*

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Worship Songs

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

*Mary, Did You Know?*

*Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

Message

*Pastor Thom Christian*

Closing Song

*Emmanuel (#243)*

Benediction

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## 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*

Sexton..... *Dale Mundo*

Treasurer ..... *Bruce MacGregor*

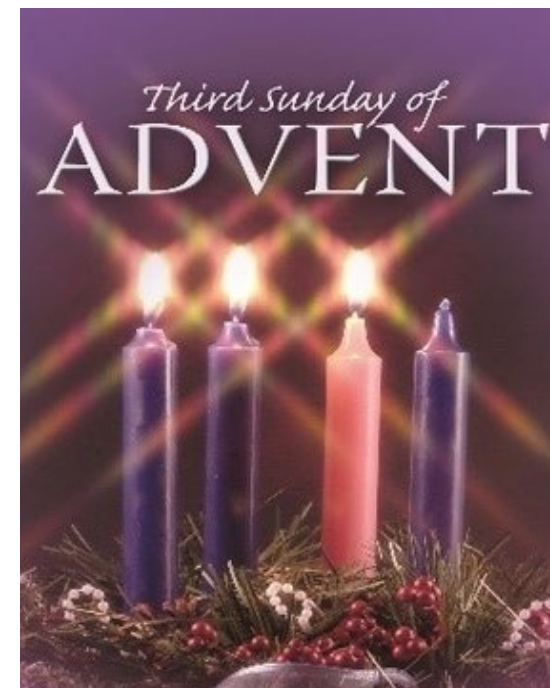
Trustees of Trust Funds.. *Bruce MacGregor, Mal Cook*

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

Worship ..... *Karen Heidebrink and Worship Team*

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.

# THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WOLFEBORO



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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”***

## 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

<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM	Worship Service Live Streaming Nursery available ages 0-3 Kidz' Zone
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
<b>Mon</b>	12-1:00 PM	AA
<b>Tues</b>	10:00 AM	Acts Bible Study (4 Gov Wentworth Highway)
	12-1:00 PM	AA
<b>Wed</b>	12-1:00 PM	AA
	6:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal
<b>Thurs</b>	12-1:00 PM	AA
<b>Fri</b>	12-1:00 PM	AA
<b>Sat</b>	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study

## SERMON NOTES

**“NO IFs, NO ANDs, and NO BUTs”**  
**(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:20-23)**  
**Pastor Thom Christian**

Most come to church at Advent expecting stories about Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and wisemen, and rightly so! But today we'll look at someone you've never heard of, at least not in the context of the Christmas story. And as we see his *part* in the story, we'll also see part of his *life* and how he was:

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  - **Our Story/Our Life/Our Questions**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - **God's Answer to the Questions**
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FCC LIBRARY** welcomes you to Christmas! CDs, DVDs, and books to educate and inspire are on display. Please fill out the “Sign Out” sheet upon borrowing and let us know the date of return on the same sheet. Merry Christmas to all!

**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.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS IN OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY!** If you love to serve others in this way, please speak with Pastor Thom. Opportunities are available!

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is taking a break for the holidays, and will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR** following the Christmas Day worship service.