

Stewardship Prayer

Richard Gallagher

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Invitation to Membership

Dr. Bill McConnell

*Closing Hymn

Hark the Herald, Mannheim

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Hymnal p. 150

Hark! the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark, the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings,

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark, the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

Dr. Bill McConnell

Postlude

Little Drummer Boy

Mannheim

**Please stand if able*

This Week at FCC

Today Congregational Meeting to approve
2022 Servant Leadership and Budget
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ECM Open House
4:00 p.m. Elders Meeting, Zoom

Monday, December 6

5:30 p.m. Flint Hills Children's Choir
Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Uthoff Neighborhood Gathering,
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 7

6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Lower Level

6:30 p.m. Elder Book Study, Zoom

Wednesday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 9

6:00 p.m. College Fellowship, Zoom
Faith Sisters Christmas Party,
Gallagher's

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Third Sunday of Advent, December 12

Breadbasket Food Collection

9:30 a.m. Church School Classes

10:30 a.m. Communion Worship

Prayer Concerns

Marsha Bryden, Lisa Daly, Bonnie Devore

Luis Morales

Our Mission Statement

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is called to witness to all humankind with a spiritual vitality that embraces inclusiveness and Christ-like justice. Therefore, we seek to be a community that **REACHES IN** to one another **REACHES UP** to God, and **REACHES OUT** to the world with the love of Jesus Christ.



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“What Should We
Do Then?” The
Crowd Asked.

Luke 3-10

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

Order of Worship

Welcome Robert Russell

Prelude *Christmas Lullaby* Mannheim
Fred Burrack, Organist Lisa Berggren, Pianist

***Call to Worship** JT VanGilder

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

All: Make God's paths straight.

One: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

All: The crooked will be made straight.

One: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

All: All will see the salvation of God.

One: See the light from on high, dawn is breaking.

All: The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

***Invocation** JT VanGilder

***Opening Hymn:** *Greensleeves, Mannheim*
What Child is This Hymnal p. 162

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 Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. [Chorus]

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, rich and poor, to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. [Chorus].

Lighting the Candle of Preparation
Frank, Elaine & Michael Hwang

Children's Message Ashley VanGilder

Immediately following the Children's Message, children are invited to Children's Church in Fellowship Hall, returning to the sanctuary after the sermon.

Prayer Hymn: Hymnal, p. 122

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Comfort, comfort you my people, tell of peace, thus says our God; comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load. Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near, bidding us to make repentance since the reign of God is here. O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.

Make you straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign. For the glory of our God now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer Dr. Bill McConnell

Chancel Choir Casey Guthals Hageman, Director
The Gift arr. By Gene Grier and Lowell Everson

Scripture Luke 3:7-18 JT VanGilder

Message Dr. Bill McConnell
The Politics of Advent

Communion Hymn: Hymnal, p. 124
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

Truly God, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, word of God, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, Christ will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, God most high!"

Communion Prayer Mickey Bogart

Invitation to the Table Dr. Bill McConnell

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Invitation to Giving Dr. Bill McConnell

Offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary
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