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Upcoming Opportunities



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Following Worship: First Sunday
Fellowship Brunch (Christmas Theme)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8:
5:00 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11:
5:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16:
11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship,
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18:
1:30 p.m. CWF, Church Chapel

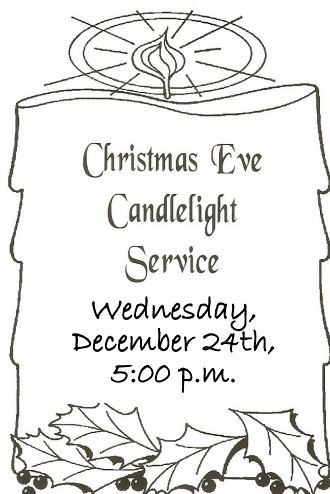
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24:
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25:
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

*Church Office Closed
December 24th - January 1st*



Serving Schedule for December 7, 2025

Worship Leader
Pat Fowler
Communion Prayer
Kay Gilbreath
Offertory Prayer
Steve Fowler
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

**First Sunday
Fellowship Brunch**
will be held on Sunday,
December 7th. This brunch
will have a Christmas theme
in celebration of the upcom-
ing Christmas holiday.
Please bring a dish to share
and celebrate the warm spirit
of Christmas.



Once again this year we will
have our drive-thru luminaries
in front of the church
leading up to Mary and
Joseph and the baby Jesus. We
hope on Christmas Eve this will
make the evening special to not
only us but our community.
Please invite your friends to
drive thru just see the luminar-
ies. We thank those who set up
the luminaries for our church
each year. This of course is
weather permitting.



Serving Schedule for December 28, 2025

Worship Leader
Jack Maxwell
Communion Prayer
LaVerne Matthews
Offertory Prayer
Jack Maxwell
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

Serving Schedule for December 14, 2025

Worship Leader
Kay Gilbreath
Communion Prayer
Mark Richardson
Offertory Prayer
Kathy Richardson
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY

The 2026 offering envelopes will
be ready for pick up in the narthex
over the next few Sundays. **We ask
that you please do not use the enve-
lopes until after January 1st.**

If your name is not assigned to a
box, please take an unmarked box and
add your name to the corresponding
line on the sign-up sheet. We appreci-
ate your cooperation and help in main-
taining accurate records. Thank You

Serving Schedule for December 21, 2025

Worship Leader
LaVerne Matthews
Communion Prayer
Steve Fowler
Offertory Prayer
Pat Fowler
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

The coat drive was
a big success. Thank you for
all the coats, gloves, hats and
other warm winter gear that
was donated. Your generosity
will help someone feel much
warmer this winter season.



Christian Women's Fellowship

Thursday, December 18th
1:30 p.m., Church Parlor
Hostess: Gleta Gorman
Program: Mary Grobe



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ATTENDANCE REPORT	ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 2, 2025	November 9, 2025
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
WORSHIP82	WORSHIP.....70
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders5	Homebuilders5
Men's Class.....2	Men's Class2
Total7	Total.....7

ATTENDANCE REPORT	ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 16, 2025	November 23, 2025
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
WORSHIP60	WORSHIP..... 82
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders6	Homebuilders 5
Men's Class.....2	Men's Class 2
Total.....8	Total..... 7

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! Odd statement, right? Well, November 30th was the first Sunday of Advent, and for those of us who follow the church calendar, this is the start of the new church year! While the rest of the world marks time by January 1st, God's people begin with a season of longing, waiting, and hope. Advent is our reminder that everything—our schedules, our priorities, our story—begins with Jesus.

One of the gifts of the historic Christian calendar is that it refuses to let us place ourselves at the center. Instead, it calls us to revolve our lives around the life of Christ. We walk with Him through His birth, His ministry, His suffering, His death, His resurrection, and the sending of His Spirit. The calendar is a yearly pilgrimage that shapes our hearts to say, "Jesus' life does not revolve around mine—my life revolves around His."

Theologian Fleming Rutledge once wrote, "The Christian year is meant to shape us, to pull us out of the world's frantic, self-centered timetable and form us instead by the story of Jesus Christ." That's what Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time are all about. They train us not to be swept up in the rhythms of consumption, success, and busyness, but to be anchored in the slow, steady, holy rhythm of God's redeeming work.

This matters more than ever. We live in a culture that constantly pressures us to "conform to the pattern of the world"—to live at the speed of hurry, to measure worth by achievement, to rush from one season to the next without reflection. But the church calendar gently pushes back. It slows us down. It invites us into a different way of being.

Advent teaches us to wait. Christmas teaches us to receive. Lent teaches us to repent. Easter teaches us to rejoice. Pentecost teaches us to depend on the Spirit. And Ordinary Time teaches us to live faithfully in the everyday moments where holiness often hides.

So, as we begin this new year at First Christian Church, let's choose to let Jesus set the pace. Let's let His story shape ours. Let's lean into the rhythms that form us into people who look more like Him.

Happy New Year, First Christian Church. May this year begin and end with Christ at the center.

"Jesus is Enough" - Pastor Jason

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[Names will remain on our
Prayer Concern list until the
Church Office is notified to
remove them.]



Bell Ringing for
Salvation Army

Wal-Mart 9AM-7PM

(One Hour Shifts) on

Wednesday, December 3rd

Volunteers needed There is a
sign up sheet in the Narthex.



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Fellowship will be Christmas
themed. We will be playing Santa
Clause Bingo. Please bring two in-
expensive or white elephant gifts
per person. Senior Fellowship is
December 16th in the Church
Fellowship Hall.

Look who has a
birthday in December



Doris Chlastak 19
Todd Richardson 26
Matthew Clanahan 31