

First Christian Church

December 15, 2024

Marshall Missouri

10:00 AM

Minister- Rev. Randal DeMasters

(3rd Sunday of Advent- Joy)

Welcome Songs

“He Is Here”

FCC Praise Band

**Lighting of the Advent Candle
Call to Worship**

Roberta Reed

Opening Hymn

“Joy To the World”

Blue # 92

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns, Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love

Invocation and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

Invitation to Communion and Communion Prayer

Holy Communion

*The celebration of the Lord’s Supper is the central focus of our faith and worship together.
All who believe in Jesus Christ are invited to partake in the sacraments.*

**Offering Statement/ Prayer of Dedication
Good News for the Young at Heart**

Special Music

“O Holy Night”

FCC Praise Band

**Sermon
Scripture**

**Rev. Randal DeMasters
Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18**

Invitation

Any person desiring to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, or to transfer their church membership to this congregation, is now invited forward.

Closing Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Blue # 96

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep the Angels keep Their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His Heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.

Benediction

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to think of our members who are unable to attend or have not attended our services lately, and send them a card or note. This week, consider sending your thoughts and prayers to **Betty McDivitt**. You can mail them directly to the following address:

C/O The Living Center 2305 Linden Tree Parkway Marshall, MO 65340

CWF Circle will be on December 17th in the Church Parlor at 9:30 am. This will be a short meeting, followed with a Christmas Coffee. Those attending are asked to bring a treat to share with others. Come join us and celebrate the season of our Saviors birth.

If you would like to remember a loved one with a **Poinsettia** displayed this year, bring them to the Church December 17-19. Stop by the Church office with their name and yours. If you would like them back, they will be available for pick-up after December 22nd. Any that are left will be distributed to local nursing homes.

December 15th and 22nd we will be collecting a special Christmas Offering. If you would like to give, simply place a check in the offering plate and put "Christmas Offering" in the memo. Or, place cash or a check in an envelope, located in the pew, and write "Christmas Offering" on the outside before placing in the offering plate.

Noon and 3:00 PM time slots on December 18th still need to be filled for the "Ringing of the Salvation Army Bell". Please notify the Church office if you can help.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be on December 24th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

BIRTHDAYS

12/15 Nicki Coslet
12/15 Sherry Shannon

12/18 Karolyn Caldwell
12/20 Jill Buck

12/20 Meg Kissner
12/21 Emily Kueker

ANNIVERSARIES

12/17 Paul & Michelle Scarff

PRAYER LIST

Chris Bowling
Jo Nell Fizer
Cody Samson
JoDell Alexander
Joseph E. Palen

Alisa Smith
Beth LaGore
Tom McRoberts
Parilee Jackson

Pat Krause
Gretchen Edwards
Madison Palen
Chris Allen

Vic Hessel
Norman Gibbins
Betty Jensen
Joseph R. Palen

Please take a moment to fill out our Attendance Registration that is located in a blue folder in each pew seat.

Attendance: December 8, 2024
10:00 Worship: 55

Givelify

For those who wish to give offering, an Offering plate/box has been placed on tables in the Sunroom and entryway into the Sanctuary. You may also give online via "Givelify". Thank you for coming today.

