Serving Schedule: December 23rd

Elders: Buddy Hannaford, Tiffany Thornton

Deacons: Ed Baker, Mona Baker, Alisa Smith, Tyler Clemens, Hope Richards

Serving Schedule: December 30th & January 6th

Elders: Jean Dowell, Gwen Clemens

Deacons: Cindy Brandt, Tyler Clemens, Doug Harvey, Missie Kreisel, Charles Marsh

Outside Communion: December 23rd-Paul Crews, Kathryn Jones

December Greeters: Butch & Doris Ash

Worship Leaders: December 23rd- Jean Dowell December 30th- Paul Crews

Video Tech: Children’s Sermon Children’s Church

December 23rd- Josh Hoffelmeyer Kay Wise Grace & Adrienne

December 24th- Carla Fricke

December 30th- Ginger McGraw Carol Schupp Tiffany Thornton

BIRTHDAY

12/23 Amanda McCord 12/26 Ann Pannell 12/27 Wayne Wise 12/28 Tyler Smith

12/24 Carolyn Buck 12/27 Virginia Bryant 12/27 Jo Wilhite 12/28 Kevin Ash

12/24 Kevin Dryer 12/27 Jeff Dryer 12/28 Carl O’Dell 12/28 Vic Hessel

12/25 Tyler Merchant

ANNIVERSARIES

12/23 Dale & Lois Pontius 12/26 Ed & Ginger Reis 12/27 David & Marlene Van Horn

12/23 Tom & Donna Bailey 12/27 Paul & Linda Crews 12/28 Loy & Rhonda Hoskins

PRAYER LIST

Ayden Wright Rebecca Shrader Lin Hessel Madelyn Cox

Coradean Naylor Helen Merchant Roberta Reed Darrell Kueker

Darlene Arnett Priscilla McReynolds

December 16th, 2018 Upcoming Church Events

**Sunday School**: 9**December 23rd-** No Youth

**8:00 a.m. Service:**  28 **December 24th-** Office closed at noon

**10:00 a.m. Service:** 92Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

**Worship Total:**  **120 December 25th-** Office Closed

**December 26th-** No Youth

. Church Announcements

Please take a moment to fill out a “Thinking of You” card for our members who are unable to attend our service. This week we will remember **Harold Stoll.**

A congregational meeting will be held following both services on December 30 to approve the budget for next year.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

Marshall, Missouri

# December 23rd, 2018 (*Christmas Sunday)* 10 a.m. Worship Service

###### Pastor: Rev. Dr. Loy Hoskins Pianists: Donna Smith & Kay Wise

We are pleased to have you worship with us today. Please sign the registry as it is passed. If you are visiting, please share your address. A nursery is provided near the East entrance for children through age five if desired. If you have difficulty with hearing, please contact an Usher for a hearing device.

**Prelude A** “Christmas Medley” **Chancel Choir**

**Prelude B**  “Silver Bells” **Bell Choir**

##### Welcome Jean Dowell

**Meet and Greet** “God’s Wonderful People” **All Sing**

##### In the Life of the Congregation Jean Dowell

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** **Bryant & Heuman Family**

##### Call to Worship Jean Dowell

**Gathering Hymn** “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” **Blue # 92**

(verses 1, 2 & 4)

##### Litany of Worship

Leader: In the midst of our darkness, God brings us a new light.

**People: Thanks be to the God of light and life.**

Leader: In the midst of sorrow and suffering, God offers hope.

**People: Thanks be to the God of our hope and future.**

Leader: In the midst of our confusion and fear, God shares peace.

**All: Thanks be to the God of peace and comfort.**

Leader: In the midst of loneliness and heartache, God sends us love.

**People: Thanks be to the God of love and mercy.**

**All: Let us praise God who loves us and brings us new life.**

**Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Matthew 6:7-15**

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

**“Glory Be to the Father”** **Blue #559**

**Special Music** “Silent Night” **Bell Choir**

Featuring soloist Erin Meyer on the Cello

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Children’s Sermon Kay Wise**

##### Invitation to Communion

**Communion Prayer**

**Communion Hymn “**The First Noel”  **Blue # 94**

(verse one)

**Serving of 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 of the sacraments.

**Act of Commitment and Dedication Through Communion**

##### Offertory Statement

##### Offertory Selection “Christmas Night” Donna Smith & Kay Wise

##### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings “Doxology” Blue #556

##### Prayer of Dedication

**Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Micah 5:2-5a**

**Sermon** “The Promise of God” **Rev. Dr. Loy Hoskins**

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##### 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.

##### Hymn of Invitation “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Blue # 96

( all verses)

**Benediction**

**Closing** “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” **Power Point**