

First Christian Church

December 10, 2023

Marshall Missouri

10:00 AM

Minister- Rev. Randal DeMasters

Welcome Song "Jesus Light of the World" **FCC Praise Band**

Lighting of the Advent Candle **Crews and Thornton Families**

Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" **Blue # 93**

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strain
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be? Which inspire your heavenly songs?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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 "Glory in the Highest" **FCC Praise Band**

Sermon **Rev. Randal DeMasters**
Scripture **2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-18**

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 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" **Blue # 95**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heav'n's all gracious king
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurl
And still their heavenly music floats, O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

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 **Carla & Spencer Fricke**. You can mail them directly to the following address:

2610 Villa Court Marshall, Mo 65340

The Congregational meeting, to approve the new budget will be December 17th. This brief meeting will take place immediately following the 10:00 worship service.

In the past, our Church has adopted a family for Christmas. This year we would like to do something different...we would like to adopt elderly individuals at various nursing homes that have no family. We are hoping you can help us out by bringing in items so that we can make several gift bags. Ideas would be comfy blankets, Christmas candy, any hygiene products such as chap stick or lotion, large print crossword books, ornaments, snacks, small Christmas décor, etc. You can drop off your donation at the office through December 17th.

Our Church is signed up to "ring the bells" on December 18th from Noon-8:00 PM in front of Wal-Mart. If you would like to help spread the Christmas cheer, please call the office for available time slots. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Parlor. Merry Christmas!

We will be collecting jell-o until tomorrow, December 11th. Please help us reach our goal by bringing in a few boxes before the deadline.

If you would like to remember a loved one with a Poinsettia displayed this year, please have them in the Church office between December 18-20. If you would like them back, they will be available for pick-up after December 27th.

Jo Wilhite will turn 102 on December 27th. The family has requested a card shower to celebrate her special day. They have requested cards be sent to :

C/O Michael Wilhite 8276 W 116th Overland Park KS 66209

"Thank you to all my Church family for the prayers, cards, thoughts and visits. They are greatly appreciated through this journey I am on". *Beth LaGore*

December/January newsletters are now available in the Church Parlor and Sunroom.

BIRTHDAYS

12/10 Chris Layton	12/12 Christy Snider	12/15 Nicki Coslet
12/12 Gwen Clemens	12/14 Brienne Asbury	12/15 Sherry Shannon
12/12 Bert Shannon	12/14 Heidi Joliff	

ANNIVERSARIES

12/10 Matthew & Jessica Green 12/12 Loyd & Ann Pannell

PRAYER LIST

Ayden Wright	Helen Merchant	Alisa Smith	Shirley Kueker
Pat Krause	Brad Berlin	Vic Hessel	Jo Nell Fizer
Christi Snider	Norman Gibbins	Cody Samson	Dan Brandt
JoDell Alexander	Tara Jackson	Beth LaGore	Rosie Bentley
Tom McRoberts	Spencer Fricke		

Attendance: December 3, 2023 Please take a moment to fill out our Attendance
10:00 Worship: 75 Registration that is located in a blue folder in each pew seat.



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.

