



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

January 1, 2023
New Year's Day
Worship at 10:00 am

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

Welcome to this time of worship at FCC. As we gather, you are invited to greet one another.
As the prelude begins may we enter a time of quiet meditation, allowing the music
and these inspiring words of scripture to help us prepare to worship.

*He became their savior in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them.*

Isaiah 63:8b-9a

PRELUDE	What Child is This? Carol of the Bells Sue Fettchenhauer, piano	Traditional Ukrainian Carol
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WELCOME	Pastor Sarah Lynne Gershon
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INTROIT	Christmas Joy Patti Parkes, soprano	Mark Schweitzer (1956-2019)
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When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky has withdrawn,
When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled,
When the princes and shepherds have gone;

Then the true work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
to heal the broken hearts,
to feed the hungry,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all brothers,
to make music in the heart.

Text: after Howard Thurmon (1899-1981)

Permission to stream "Christmas Joy" from St. James Music Press #1038

*CALL TO WORSHIP 157 For All Who Give You Face

Jim Watson

**Please stand if able.*

OPENING HYMN 165 (*vss. 2, 3 & 4*) Once in Royal David's City IRBY

Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848. alt Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm Artheur H. Mann, 1919

*(During the final verse of the hymn, all children are invited to gather
on the chancel steps for the children's message.)*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:12-23 (CEB) Jim Watson

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN Joanne Weddle

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you...

People: and also with you.

*You are invited to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those who are worshipping at home,
reach out and share peace through emails, texts and phone calls in the days to come.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 2:10-18 (CEB)

SERMON The Mystery of Immanuel Pastor Sarah Lynne Gershon

INVITATION TO GIVING Cindy Welch

*Your offerings may be placed in the offering plates,
or you may offer your gift online, by mail, through your bank, or by phone (see the insert).*

Offertory I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day WALTHAM
Sue Fettchenhauer, piano

*Offering Response 46 Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Cindy Welch

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Communion Carol 158 (*vss. 1 & 3*) Her Baby, Newly Breathing MERLE'S TUNE

Words: Brian Wren, 1987 Music: Hal Hopson, 1983
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Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

*All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. Please come forward to receive the Bread and Cup.
You may take the elements back to your seat and hold them so that we can share the communion meal together.
Please raise your hand if you need a deacon to bring you your communion elements.
Gluten-free bread and water are available.*

Communion Solo

Coventry Carol
Patti Parkes, soprano

16th Century English Carol

Lully, lullah, thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.
Thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing,
"Bye bye, lully, lullay"?

Herod the king, in his raging,
Chargèd he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight
All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and may
For thy parting neither say nor sing,
"Bye bye, lully, lullay."

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Proclamation

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

*CLOSING HYMN 168 (*vss. 1 & 2*) Down to Earth PERSONENT HODIE

Text: Fred Kaan 1968 Music: *Pier Cantiones*, 1582; arr. Gutav Holst, 1925
Words © 1968 Hope Publishing Company; arr. 1924. Renewed J. Curwen and Sons

*If you desire to declare your faith in Christ through baptism, or if you would like to become a member
of First Christian Church through affirmation of faith or through a transfer of membership,
please join Pastor Sarah Lynne at the front of the sanctuary during the closing hymn.*

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *O Come All Ye Faithful*
Sue Fettchenhauer, piano

ADESTE FIDELES

Musicians

Sue Fettchenhauer, piano
Patti Parkes, soprano

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You may receive a text reply with a link and
instructions to complete your contribution.

An Invitation to Community

As God has welcomed us, we welcome you.

With all our differences--
in age, ability and physical condition,
in race, cultural background and economic status,
in sexual orientation, gender identity & family
structure--

God has received each one
with loving kindness, patience and joy.

All that we are together
and all that we hope to be
is made more perfect
as the richness of varied lives
meets the mystery of God's unifying Spirit
and we become the Body of Christ.



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