

Welcome!

If you are visiting with us today, we are so glad you are here and hope you feel warmly welcomed. Please ask any of our members if you have questions about your experience. You are always welcome here, and we hope you return.

For more information, visit our website at www.shelbyvillefirstchristianchurch.com.

You may also contact the church office at 502-633-3345 or email us at fccshelbyville@gmail.com.

To receive email updates on upcoming events and our monthly Cup Newsletter, please fill out our 'New Visitors Card' (Gray Card). The Blue Card is for messages to the pastor, and the White Card is for prayer requests. All cards may be placed in the offering plate or the donation box by the sanctuary doors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to complete the attendance pads at the end of the row and pass them along.

CWF will meet on Tuesday, **December 3, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.** After a short business meeting, they will fill Christmas goodie bags for our shut-ins. All ladies of the church are automatically a member, and all are welcome to join. Remember that the C.W.F. has pecans for sale! Contact the church office, or any member, to purchase yours today. We have small and large half-pieces for \$12.00 per pound. Also, don't forget about our upcoming table sale! Order forms are on the podium by the church office. For more information, please contact Nadine Cox.

Jane Martin, and her Angelic crew, will begin rehearsing for our upcoming Christmas play "Hark the Angel Sang Off Tune". The dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, **December 3**, at **6:00 p.m.**;
- Tuesday, **December 10**, at **6:00 p.m.**;
- Monday, **December 16**, at **6:00 p.m.**;
- Tuesday, **December 17**, at **6:00 p.m.**;

and Saturday, **December 21**, at **10:00 a.m.**

If you have any questions, or for more information, please see Jane Martin.

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, **December 9, 2024**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. All Elders, Diaconate, Board Members, and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend. We ask that the Committee Chairs please submit all reports to the church office no later than Thursday, **December 5, 2024**, so we may have time to prepare accordingly.



First Christian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system, which equips and empowers lay caregivers - called Stephen Ministers - to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. For more information, please contact Laine Kephart, our Stephen Leader, the church office, or a member of the church staff.

Please visit the website ~ stephenministries.org.

2024-2025 ELDERS

- A-Bea** Rev. Sally McClain - 2026 (502) 744-7255
- Beb-Bz** Jesse Gilbert - 2026 (502) 741-0089
- C** Julie Mulcahy - 2026 (502) 220-8311
- D-G** Fielding Ballard - 2025 (502) 321-4476
- H** Jeff Manning - 2027 (270) 670-5041
- I-L** Lydia Turner - 2027 (502) 682-7094
- M-O** Gary Smith - 2026 (502) 593-5017
- P-R** Kenneth Yeager - 2025 (502) 432-3928
- S** Holly Likes - 2025 (502) 529-9167
- T-Z** Diane Bland - 2027 (502) 321-0767

PRAYER CONCERNS

FCC Family:

Susan Beagle, Sue Brewer (Pat King's & Wanetta Wright's sister), Betty and Carroll Cunningham, Jim Fegenbush, Wayne Gunnell, Emmy Houweling, Rob Hutchinson, Harriet Jennings, Ida Lyons, Debbie Morgan, James Powell, Marty Shaver, Debbie Stover, Eloise Terhune, Mary Joe Wright, Vickie Wright and Pat Yeager.

FCC Friends:

Randy Blair, Marvin and Cindy DeJarnette, David Erickson, Carolyn Gross (cousin of Nancy Kirk), Tom Hawkins (Brother of Pat King and Wanetta Wright), John Janis (cousin of Henrietta Hardin), Mable Peak (cousin of Henrietta Hardin), Tracey Stivers, Joe Tezza, and Patricia Winlock.

Gifts, Offerings and Tithes

There are many ways to support the church financially. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or you may drop it securely in the donation box at the sanctuary entrance as you exit. Envelopes are available on the side of the box; please include your name and address if you are making a cash donation. *There are three options for electronic donations:* Zelle donations are accepted. Our email address for Zelle donations is shelbyvillekyfcc@gmail.com. Or you may go to the **church website** and click on "More" and then on "Donate" or download our mobile app, **Vanco Mobile**. Once logged in, create a profile, set up the amount you wish to give, the frequency you wish to give and the fund where you want your gift to go. The page is divided into segments: general fund (which funds our operations), building reserve fund (which funds major repairs and upgrades) and designated (which includes special offerings such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Reconciliation and Week of Compassion), Fifth Sunday, VBS, youth, Stephen Ministry, Focus Forward, etc. There is also an option to designate where you would like your gift used.

First Sunday Of Advent



"Hope"

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(Disciples of Christ)

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December 1, 2024

Early Worship Service 9 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m.

Rev. Tracy Parker

Interim Senior Minister

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Rev. David Pilkinton, Associate Minister

(502) 552-9979 dwpilkinton@gmail.com

Jordan Lardner, Youth Director

(502) 232-1167 jordan.lardner@gmail.com

Hangings of the Greens Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome Announcements

Carol #470 vs. All
O Come All Ye Faithful

Call to Worship

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garland of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death, and resurrection.

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again, the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him, might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Carol Words on Screen
Deck the Halls

Reading: God will Send a Righteous King

Presentation of Cedar:

Carol #125 vs. 1, 2
Joy to the World

Reading: The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born

Presentation of the Wreath:

Carol Words on Screen
The Holly and the Ivy

Reading: The Suffering Servant

Presentation of Holly and Ivy:

Carol Words on Screen
O Christmas Tree

Reading: The Mystery of Incarnation

Lighting of the Christmas Tree:

Reading: Blessing the Chrismon Tree

Prayer:

Decorate the Chrismon Tree with Ornaments:
Children of the Church

Carol #132 vs. 1
Angels We Have Heard on High

Reading: Presentation of Poinsettias

Carol #123 vs. 1
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome Him.

People: Come, Lord Jesus

Leader: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, That the wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus.

People: Loving God, Your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth Your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of the candle of "Hope": *Neil Hackworth*

Leader: Who shall come in the fullness of time to gladden the hearts of men? Who shall bring new joy to the world and the poor and lonely defend? Who shall come on a cold winter's night, when the world is hushed and still? Only the silent stars keep watch as a promise is fulfilled. Just as a Child newly born He shall come to a stable rough with sod. 'Tis gentle Jesus, Prince of Peace, the blessed Son of God!

People: We await Him with reverent hearts, O come Lord Jesus, come!

Carol #124 vs. All
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Meditation *Rev. Tracy Parker*
"It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas"

Stewardship Meditation *James and Julie Mulcahy*

Doxology (please stand)

*'Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.'*

Stewardship Prayer *James and Julie Mulcahy*

Communion Hymn #441 vs. 1
Take Time to Be Holy

Communion Meditation

Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer (spoken in unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION:

Communion is central to worship in Disciples churches. As part of our communion service, we observe an open table, inviting everyone to partake of the communion elements with us. The bread and the cup are taken in unison following the words of institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD

"This is my body, which is broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE CUP

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Benediction Song

Surely The Presence

Benediction

Interested in Joining First Christian Church?

You can join our church during the Invitation Hymn in the worship services by coming to the front of the sanctuary, where you will be welcomed. Recognizing not everyone is comfortable with "coming forward", you may express your desire for membership to a member of the church staff, who will welcome you into membership in our congregation. If you are already baptized, regardless of the mode of baptism, you will not be required to be baptized again. Please contact the church office at 502-633-3345 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

To learn more about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), please visit www.disciples.org.