

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.

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.

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:

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.

We will be packing backpacks on Tuesday, **December 10, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.** at the Serenity Center. This is a great time of fellowship, and new backpackers are always welcome. Contact Mary Clark if you have questions or for more information.

Our FCC Outreach Elves will be in full motion on Tuesday, **December 10, 2024**, at **5:30 p.m.**, contacting Angel Tree parents with pickup instructions. If you would be willing, and available to help them make calls, please contact Kim Arrington or Mary Clark for more information.

FCC is doing our part in ringing the bell at our local Kroger this year. We are helping make a change by collecting change on Thursday, **December 12, 2024**, from **2:00 p.m.** to **7:00 p.m.**

The Administration Committee will meet on Thursday, **December 12, 2024**, at **6:30 p.m.**, in the parlor. All members are encouraged to attend.

On Saturday, **December 14, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.**, Outreach will don their Santa hats to share the joy and distribute the gifts to all our beloved Angels. If you feel inspired to join this heartwarming cause and volunteer as Santa's little helpers, please reach out to Kim Arrington or Mary Clark.

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, Carolyn Hedden, 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), 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.

Second Sunday Of Advent



"Peace"

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December 8, 2024

Early Worship Service 9 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m.

Rev. Tracy Parker

Interim Senior Minister

(859) 312-2777 revtracyparker@gmail.com

Rev. David Pilkinton, Associate Minister

(502) 552-9979 dwpilkinton@gmail.com

Jordan Lardner, Youth Director

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

9 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship The Lighting of the Advent Candle
(See insert) of **Peace ~ Pat Yeager**

Carol #136 vs. 1, 3, 6
The First Noel

Joys and Concerns **Amy Bramlette**

Morning Prayer **Rev. Tracy Parker**

Scripture **Luke 1:68-79**

Message: **“Anticipate the King”**

Invitation Hymn #183 vs. 1, 2
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Stewardship Meditation

Doxology (please stand) #625 vs. 1

*‘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.’*

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:

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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

11 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship The Lighting of the Advent Candle
(See insert) of **Peace ~ Pat Yeager**

Carol #136 vs. 1, 3, 6
The First Noel

Joys and Concerns **Jordan Lardner**

Morning Prayer **Sally McClain**

Special Music **Chancel Choir**
I Heard the Bells arr. Williamson

Scripture **Luke 1:68-79**
(Children Dismissed to Children’s Church or Youth Group)

Message: **“Anticipate the King”**

Invitation Hymn #183 vs. 1, 2
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Stewardship Meditation

Doxology (please stand)

Communion Hymn #137 vs. 1
What Child Is This

Communion Meditation

Communion Prayer **Diane Bland**

Lord’s Prayer (spoken in unison) **Sally McClain**

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Benediction Song
Surely The Presence

Benediction

Scripture Reading:

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.
⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
⁷⁹ to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”



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.