

### 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](http://www.shelbyvillefirstchristianchurch.com).

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

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.

**"The Cup" Newsletter Article Deadline.** Please ensure all CUP articles, calendar entries, and save-the-date information are submitted to the church office by the end of the business day on **Monday, December 16, 2024.**

On Tuesday, **December 17, 2024**, from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, Operation Care will be hosting their annual food distribution event in our foyer. Please note that the main parking lot will be very busy during this time. We kindly ask that you use the side parking lot located between the church and the playground if you plan to visit the church during these hours. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

The Longest Night Service offers a gentle, reflective space for those experiencing grief and loss during the holiday season. We recognize that Christmas can be particularly challenging, and this service is designed to provide comfort and support. We invite you to join us on Wednesday, **December 18, 2024**, at **7:00 p.m.**, as we come together to find solace and light in the midst of the season's darkness.

FCC prepares a meal for the residents of the Open Door of Hope on the third Saturday of each month. This month, the Men's Shelter Meal will be provided on Saturday, **December 21, 2024**. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our dedicated volunteers for signing up for the entire year! We now have a new sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for those wishing to volunteer in 2025.

"Hark the Angel Sang Off Tune" - The angels' choir room is a buzz with excitement --- the Son of God is about to be born! The angels gather to rehearse, singing a splendid song of praise --- but one voice is hopelessly out of tune. It's Hark! After a heartfelt prayer, Hark rejoins the choir with his voice restored! Come see Gabriel and Harmonious get this choir whipped into shape for the big day! Please join us for this "angelic" event on Sunday, **December 22, 2024** during both the **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** services.

### 2024-2025 ELDERS

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

### 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, Dave Mayhew, 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, Diane Fraker (friend of Diann Cook), Carolyn Gross (cousin of Nancy Kirk), Tom Hawkins (brother of Pat King and Wanetta Wright), John Janis (cousin of Henrietta Hardin), Kirby Masden (cousin of Lois Lenz), 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](mailto: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.

# Third Sunday of Advent



## "Joy"

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**December 15, 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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(502) 552-9979 [dwpilkinton@gmail.com](mailto:dwpilkinton@gmail.com)

**Jordan Lardner, Youth Director**

(502) 232-1167 [jordan.lardner@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.lardner@gmail.com)

## 9 a.m. Worship Service

### Prelude

**Call to Worship** The Lighting of the Advent Candle  
(See insert) of **Joy ~ Jeff Manning**

**Song of "Joy"** #144 vs. 1, 2  
*How Great Our Joy*

**Carol** #133 vs. 1, 2  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**Joys and Concerns** **Amy Bramblette**

**Morning Prayer** **Rev. Tracy Parker**

**Special Music** **Festival Choir**  
*He Shall Reign Musical*

**Invitation Hymn** #185 vs. 1, 2  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### 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:

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

## 11 a.m. Worship Service

### Prelude

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(See insert) of **Joy ~ Jeff Manning**

**Song of "Joy"** #144 vs. 1, 2  
*How Great Our Joy*

**Carol** #133 vs. 1, 2  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**Joys and Concerns** **Jordan Lardner**

**Morning Prayer** **Lydia Turner**  
*(Children Dismissed to Children's Church or Youth Group)*

**Special Music** **Festival Choir**  
*He Shall Reign Musical*

**Invitation Hymn** #185 vs. 1, 2  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### Stewardship Meditation

**Doxology** (please stand)

**Communion Hymn** #141 vs. 1  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

### Communion Meditation

**Communion Prayer** **Holly Likes**

**Lord's Prayer** (spoken in unison) **Lydia Turner**

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### Benediction Song

*Surely The Presence*

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