



## Welcome to our worship service!

Thank you for joining us today. We are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, please fill out a connection card from the chair in front of you and place in the offering box in the back of the room. We would love to talk with you and we also have a special gift for you!

### Today's Services:

**8:00 am** - Traditional Worship Service

**9:30 am** - Adult Sunday School

**10:30 am** - Contemporary Worship Service

**10:30 am** - Children's Church (Nursery-4th grade)

### Today's Sermon:

***The Heart of Christmas Series #3***

***~ A Joy Worth Searching For ~***

***Matthew 2:1-12***

### Communion:

If you are a Christ-follower, you are invited to share with us in remembering the Lord's Supper. You do not need to be a member of First Christian Church to participate. Both the bread and juice are ready for you in all 4 corners of the auditorium.

Please help yourself and take your time.

**{Today's Meditation: Roger Surtees}**

### Preaching Schedule

#### **December:**

21 - Hope is at the Heart of Christmas ~ Love (Tony Crouch)

24 - Jesus is the Heart of Christmas (Tony Crouch)

28 - A year in review (Tony Crouch)

#### **January:**

4 - Celebration Sunday! ~ One service at 9:30 am

### Missions we support:

Abel Sairattanyu family (Thailand)

Jack Swanson family (Chile)

Little Galilee Christian Camp

Roseland Good News Daycare (Ms. Pearl)

Operation Christmas Child

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Weekly Youth Groups:

High School - Sun. 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the shed.

College Age - Tues. 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Elementary "Equip" - Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the kid's wing.

Junior High - Fri. 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the shed.

**\*\* Please Note: Youth Groups will NOT be meeting  
December 19th thru January 4th.**

### Christmas Card Exchange:

The Christmas card bags (alphabetical by last name) are on the table outside the office for you to exchange Christmas cards with other church members/regular attenders. Let's share the Love & Joy of Christmas with each other!

### 2026 Offering Envelopes:

The numbered offering envelopes for 2026 are available to pick up from the table outside the office. (After today they will be in the copy room.)

### Christmas Sweater Sunday:

Let's get festive! Dust off your fun Christmas sweaters/outfits & get them ready to wear next Sunday, the 21st!

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:

Wednesday, December 24th at 6:00 pm. Come enjoy a special Christmas Eve candlelight service as we celebrate Jesus' birth! Be sure to invite your family, friends & neighbors! This service will also be live streamed on our Facebook page.

### Heads of Ministry:

Please be preparing your end of the year report to share at our Celebration Sunday, January 4th.



**Church Office Hours:**

Mon - Thurs 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
 Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
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December 7, 2025

In-person Attendance: 112  
 Online: 450  
 General Fund: \$16,237.75



December 14, 2025

*The Heart of Christmas Series #3  
 ~ A Joy Worth Searching For ~*

***Loving and Living like Jesus***

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*~ A Joy Worth Searching For ~*  
*Matthew 2:1-12*

**Key Thought:**

***“Christmas joy invites a celebration that rises from inside us.”***

Nancy Naigle

- 1) The Joy of Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs. 1-8)**
- 2) The Joy of Christmas Is \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s  
\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 9-10)**
- 3) The Joy of Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ in  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 11-12)**

**Notes:**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Eszter Szabo - Jenni Boyd’s ex sister-in-law  
Brenda Harris & Family  
Family of Nikki Guthridge & her sons, Teil & Grant  
Sandy Noerenberg - Friend of Mary Knight  
Kevin Bushur - Doris Pickett’s nephew  
Santiago SantaMaria - Shannon Murphy’s grandson  
Dustin Gray  
Kevin Alig - Shawn Johnson’s father-in-law  
Lynn Albin  
Baby Henry  
Dale Reeder  
Alexis Koester  
Lilly Smith  
Steve Clarkson  
Sandy Weltman  
Judy Martin  
Toby Livingston  
Melissa Lawless  
Ronnie & Linda Schultz  
Brad Hornaday  
Amy McDonald - Bob Utterback’s daughter  
Michelle Everhart  
Chris Brown  
Rita Herbert  
Jim & Deb Beeson  
Rob Smock - Friend of Brian & Keri Dean  
Wayne Livingston Jr. - Jodi Livingston’s Nephew  
Rachel Romine (Gallardo) - Beth & Craig Romine’s daughter

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***\*\*If you have an update or a request to add, please fill out a Connection Card or contact the church office:  
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