

## Throughout the Church...

Peoria International Choir - Today @ 2:30pm

Blue Christmas Service - Monday @ 6pm

Christmas Eve Service - Wednesday @ 6pm



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Thank you!*

We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.

In the  
**Company  
of  
Angels**

Advent & Christmas 2025

Hanging of the Greens 11/30/25

Promised Peace 12/7/25

Moravian Love Feast 12/14/25

Christmas Cantata 12/21/25

Blue Christmas 12/22/25 - 6pm

Christmas Eve 12/24/25 - 6pm

Christmastide 12/28/25

Epiphany Sunday 1/4/26



**December 21, 2025  
10:30am**

**First Christian Church**



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Today’s Meditation

The best way to spread Christmas cheer,  
is singing loud for all to hear.

- Will Ferrell, *Elf*

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Minute for Mission - Christmas Offering

Video

Music for Meditation & A Moment of Silence

*An Advent Prayer* - Stairs

†Call to Worship

One: *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,*

Many: **to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.**

One: *And he came to her and said,*

Many: **“Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”**

One: *But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her,*

Many: **“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”**

†Opening Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#148

†Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together...*

**All: God of surprising joy, you meet us as we are, hopeful, hesitant, and everything in between. As you once spoke to Mary, speak to us again: not with fear, but with favor. Let your joy take root in us today - quiet or bright, small or overflowing - so that we might welcome your presence with open hearts and walk in the courage your love inspires. Rejoicing together, we pray the words of Jesus...Our Father/Creator...**

†Advent Vision Response

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

vs 4

#153

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Advent Wreath

Meditation

The Baker Family

Carol

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

vs 4

#155

Children’s Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Offering Statement & Dedication

Tithes & Offerings

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

*Lo, How A Rose* - Praetorius/Wilson

†Doxology

words on screen

*to the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

A Time of Prayer

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

### He Shall Reign Forevermore

created by: Jay Rouse

arranged & orchestrated by:

David Wise, Jay Rouse, Cliff Duren, Phil Nitz

directed by: Heather Woods

technology: Mason Fitch, Debra Kreps, Brian Woods

narrated by: Linda Williams

Musical Numbers

*Joy to the World*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Joy! He Shall Reign*

*Grace of God With Us*

*Love Is the Reason Why*

*Meekness and Majesty*

*The First Noel*

Communion Hymn

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

#134

The Lord’s Supper

**All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.**

*Bethlehem Manger* - Wells

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

*How Great Our Joy!*

vs 4

#170

Postlude

*The First Noel* - arr. Moffett

Cantata Participants

Soprano

Linda Betzelberger

Cindy Bridges

Cheryl Davis

Alice Jury

Deborah Springhart-West

Alto

Ange Bertucci

Laura Buckley

Riley DeMay

Connie Julien

Natalie Woods

Tenor

Jonathan Enderle

Chris Frauenhoffer

Steve West

Adam Woods

Darren Woods

Bass

Jerry Hornbacker

Eric Thomas

Noel Thomas

Larry Weber

### Ministering Today

Elders

Beth Smitkamp

Sandy Surface

Deacons

Chancel Head

Monica Hinrichs

Steve Hinrichs

Connie Julien

Larry Weber

Acolyte

Greeters

Natalie Woods

Sandy Surface

Chris Carrico

Counters

Monica & Steve Hinrichs

Adult SS

Randy & Linda Williams

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