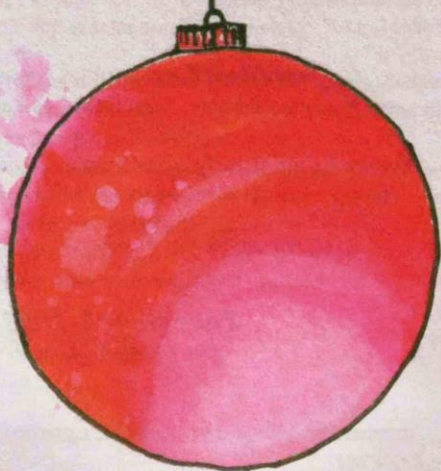


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Come, thou
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Jesus



First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World

First Church recognizes Jesus Christ
as the head of the Church and as Savior and Lord.

We are a community of faith who engage Biblical truth
to provide an environment where people mature
as disciples of Christ.

December 2, 2018

First Sunday in Advent

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In Worship Today

Mike Topp Family, Advent Readers

Erik Hirschfeld, Music Director

Sharon Chaney & Kay Nolte,

Musicians

Sam Anspach, Scripture

Maria Lammers, Children's Chat

If you are a Guest or Visitor today, we are glad you're here!

- **The Restrooms** are in the basement at the East end of the church and inside the main glass doors of the ministry building next door.
- **The Nursery for Young Children** is located in the basement. You can go down any set of stairs near the entrances to reach the nursery.
- **Children's Activity Bags** are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Inside are activities and fun things for your kids to do.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary near the table.
- **Hearing Assistance Devices** – Please see the sound system technician on the South wall if you would like to use one.
- **WiFi Connection is available** for those who wish to use their device to connect to the Bible app or take notes. Connect via “FirstChurchWifi Guest”
- **The Bible App by YouVersion** -- Under the “More” tab in the Bible App you will find the Events feature. Each Sunday you can find the scripture, sermon key points and weekly questions.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

*The * invites those who are able to stand.*

Prelude – Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Hope) – Isaiah 9:2 & Galatians 4:4-7

***Hymn No. 125** – Joy to the World

Children's Chat & Greeting Time

Remembering Our Soldiers

***Hymn No. 124** – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Giving Back to God

Ministry: The General Fund

Offertory Music: Come, Messiah! by Larson

Offertory Hymn No. 625 – Doxology

***Scripture Reading** – Luke 21:25-36 and Jeremiah 33:14-16

Message – Hope in a Broken World

***Hymn No. 127** – Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

The Lord's Supper

***Blessing, Dismissal & Postlude**

This Week at First church

Prepare The Way - The season of Advent serves two purposes. On the one hand, Advent, which means “arrival”, reminds us of the events surrounding Jesus birth more than 2,000 years ago. On the other hand, it points us to Jesus' second advent. This is the day when Christ will return and establish the Kingdom of God in the new heavens and new earth. Taken as a whole, Advent teaches us about God's love and the good news of a savior so that we will be ready when he returns. Our Advent sermon series will encourage us to prepare the way for Christ in our own hearts and prepare the way for Christ to have an impact in our communities and world. Like John the Baptist, we too can share the good news and point people to Christ.

Poinsettias - The Christian Women's Outreach has purchased poinsettias to be taken to our shut-ins at home and in the retirement homes to enjoy for the holidays. Anyone who would like to deliver a poinsettia to someone can pick it up in the heritage room today and throughout this week. *There is a list of recipients on the table. Thank you.*

The Sunday School Department Christmas Party is Monday, December 3 at 6:30 pm in the social room.

The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16 and will begin at 10:30 am. The children enjoy Sunday school all year and on this day will share with the congregation the love of Jesus and the celebration of His birth! There will be light refreshments between church and the start of the program.

Youth Group Students & Parents- The Youth Retirement Home Christmas service project at Elmwood is Wednesday, December 5. All junior and senior high students need to be at church by 6:30 pm. Cars leave at 6:35 pm. Please don't be late. We will be back at church by 8:15 pm.

The Giving Tree is up through Christmas Eve and will benefit Elizabeth New Life Pregnancy Center in Sidney. *Elizabeth New Life Center* provides positive solutions for the challenges of unexpected pregnancies. The ornaments on the tree for items such as diapers, baby wipes, formula and new baby clothing. *Gifts can be left under the tree in the heritage room.*

Prayer Focus

Prayer during November, December and January – during our guided prayer session in November we spent time praying for our husbands, wives, marriages, children and extended families. We lifted up our church family and the churches in our surrounding communities. We also prayed for our local, state and federal leaders. We invite you to pray diligently for these as well over the next few months. There are bookmarks over by the new info center with specific scripture verses to use in your prayer time.

Individual Prayer Needs – Shannon Roediger in India, The Family of David Schwarck, Brooklyn Karch, Norma Schroer, Ed Oberlander, Pastor Andrew Cammenga, Kathy Williams, Joann Feldwisch, Cameron Wilkerson, Don Prueter, Robert Schroer, Mike Geib, Shawn Spencer, Ted Lammers, Becky Quellhorst, Ned Niemeyer, Don Heidt, Mable Meckstroth, Scarlett Unrast, Michael Allen, Judy Hoelscher, Wavalene Opperman, Darell Rupert, Helen Wellman, Irma Hoelscher, Kathy Schrolucke, Thelma Arnett, Ruth Kuck, and Betty Kiefer. *(Please let us know if you would like to be added or removed from the prayer list – the office staff does not know to take you off unless you ask. Thank you)*

Life of the Church

We still have First Church cookbooks. They make great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts. The cost per cookbook is \$15 or 2 cookbooks for \$25. Call or stop by the office to get yours.

Grand Adults Fellowship which meets on Tuesday afternoons will meet December 4 & 11 before taking a break for the winter.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will break during December and resume on January 8.

Parents of 4th to 6th grade students -The junior department will be practicing for the Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00-7:15. Practice will be followed by pizza and a Christmas party! Please see Tina Paul or Annette Thompson with any questions.

Facts & Figures from last Sunday

Total Sunday Collection - \$ 2,437.00 Worship Attendance – 157
Elevator Modernization \$1,817.00
General Fund & Pledges- \$505.00
Furnace Project Gifts.-\$100.00
Mission gifts - \$15.00
Online Giving for the week-\$915.00
Sunday School Offering - \$36.38
Thanksgiving Eve Service Offering: \$843.77

Sermon Questions for Deeper Study

1. What kind of evidence is there that points to the broken world we live in? What is your natural reaction to these things?
2. How has the world changed in your lifetime? What positive advancements have been made? How has the world gotten worse?
3. How do you define hope? What kind of hope does the world offer? Where do Christians find their hope?
4. What is prophecy? How do passages like Luke 21:25-36 and Jeremiah 33:12-16 speak to both the time they were written and future generations?
5. How did Jesus' birth fulfill the promises God made to his people?
6. Why is the significance of the Messiah being called "The LORD Our Righteous Savior"?
7. How will Jesus' return fulfill promises God made to his people?
8. What impact does this hope have on our lives today?

You are invited to enjoy an afternoon of music!

The Sharon Chaney Piano Studio Christmas Recital will be Sunday, December 9 at First Church of New Knoxville. There will be 21 young musicians performing all of your Christmas favorites. Music begins at 3:00 pm and will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments.



Senior Supper Hour will be held on Thursday, December 6 at 5:00 pm in Meyer Room at Otterbein in St. Marys. There will be a free blood pressure clinic before dinner from 4 to 5 pm and after dinner there will be holiday entertainment with Simply Joseph. Admission is \$7.00

This Week at First Church – December 2 - 9

TODAY

Advent 1 & Communion (served in the pew)

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – Min. Ctr. youth room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School for children
10:15 am Confirmation Class – Min. Ctr. youth room
10:15 am Adult Sunday School led by Jay Elshoff – Heritage room
10:15 am Gospel Project Adult Sunday school led by Pastor Joel – Min. Ctr. big room
4:30 pm Sr. High Youth Bible Study – Dave & Judy Bambauer's home

MON.

- 6:30 pm Sunday School Teacher's Christmas Party – Social Room

TUES.

- 2:00 pm Grand Adults Fellowship & Games – Min. Ctr. youth room
6:30 pm Growth Group Study led by Pastor Joel & Alie

WED.

- 6:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High School Youth Group Christmas Service Project at Elmwood in New Bremen
6:30 pm Bell Choir practice
7:30 pm Vocal Choir practice

NEXT SUN.

Advent 2

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – Min. Ctr. youth room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School for children
10:15 am Confirmation Class – Min. Ctr. youth room
10:15 am Adult Sunday School led by Jay Elshoff – Heritage room
10:15 am Gospel Project Adult Sunday school led by Pastor Joel – Min. Ctr. big room
3:00 pm Sharon Chaney's Piano Student Christmas Recital - Sanctuary
4:30 pm Sr. High Youth Bible Study – Dave & Judy Bambauer's home



Christmas Poinsettias

The Christian Women's Outreach will be purchasing poinsettias to be taken to our shut-ins at home and in the nursing homes to enjoy for the holidays.

Anyone who would like to deliver a poinsettia can pick it up in the Heritage room on December 2

Each poinsettia will have a tag with the recipient's name and where it is to be delivered.

The following list of people will be given a poinsettia.

(If we have overlooked anyone please call the church office at 753-2446 or Nancy Bambauer at 753-2275)

Elmwood Assisted Living: Ruth Kuck, Mildred Shellenberger, Irma Hoelscher, Mary Katterheinrich, Don Prueter, Wavalene Opperman, Helen Wellman and Jean Kuck.

Vancrest Living Center: Erma Meyer

Briarwood Village in Coldwater – Thelma Arnett

Miller House in Celina – Adrian & Marilyn Kuck

The following would enjoy cards in lieu of poinsettias. Please take a moment to drop them a card or note during the holiday season.

Mark Schneider, 924 Daisy Dr. Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Joann Elshoff, Heritage Manor, 24 N. Hamilton St.,
Minster, OH 45865

Dorothy Egan, Bowling Green Care Center, 850 W. Poe Rd.,
Bowling Green, OH 43402