

# Hope

THE NIGHT  
IS ALMOST OVER,  
AND THE DAY  
IS NEAR

*-Romans 13:12*





# *First Church*

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World

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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.

**November 28, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

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**Assisting in Worship Today**

Brian Lammers, Lay Leader  
Praise Team

Sharon Chaney, Musician  
Kay Nolte, Organist  
Dan & Brittany Wierwille Family,  
Advent Readers  
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.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary near the info center.
- **Children's Activity Bags** are available at the info center at the back of the sanctuary.
- **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”
- **Our Worship Service** is broadcast each Sunday on T-102 FM at 10:15a
- **Facebook Live** - We stream our service live via our Facebook page “firstchurchnk” at 9:00 am on Sundays.
- **The \* invites those who are able, to rise.**

***Welcome to Worship at First Church***

**Prelude** – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Welcome to Worship**

**\*Call to Worship No. 122** [Blue Hymnal]

**\*Hymns No 123 -125** [Marked Verses]

**Children's Chat**

**Advent Readings** from Isaiah 9:2 and Galatians 4:4-7

**Giving Back to God**

Offering: The Mercy Unlimited Jail Ministry

Special Music: How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

Offering Hymn No. 623 – Gloria Patri

**\*Hymn No. 141** – O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

**Message – First Sunday in Advent**

**\*Praise Song - Thank You Jesus for The Blood**

**I was a wretch; I remember who I was.  
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.  
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,  
But from the far side of the chasm,  
You had me in Your sight.**

**So You made a way across the great divide,  
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside.  
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed.  
Broke my chains, freed my soul,  
For the first time I had hope.**

**Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.  
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life.  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.**

**You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.  
You were buried for three days,  
But then You walked right out again.  
And now death has no sting and life has no end  
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.**

**There is nothing stronger  
Than the wonder working power  
Of the blood, the blood  
That calls us sons and daughters.  
We are ransomed by our Father  
Through the blood, the blood.**

**Glory to His name, Glory to His name!  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Glory to His name!**

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Bryan McCleery | Charity Gayle | David Gentiles | Elisha Albright Hoffman | John Hart Stockton |  
Ryan Kennedy | Steven Musso

## The Lord's Supper

## Benediction, Dismissal & Postlude

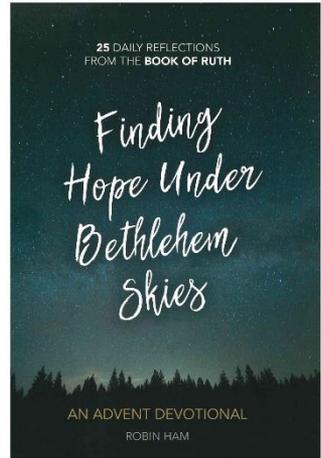
### Announcements

**Today's Offering** is for the Mercy Unlimited Jail Ministry.

**Christmas in the Village** is this Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Stop by the front of the church and snap a photo with the nativity scene for the photo contest and get an Advent gift bag.

**Advent begins today.** Advent is a season of preparation and waiting. There is no better way to prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord than to read scripture together. This year, we invite you to read *Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies* by Robin Ham. This Advent devotional focuses on the book of Ruth. Here is the description from the back cover of the book.

"We're all familiar with the Christmas story, but do you know the story behind the story?"



Tucked away in the Bible, hundreds of years before Mary, Joseph and the birth of Jesus, is the story of a girl called Ruth. It's a story that rings true to our world — a story of sadness and tears, even of death, but also a story of where hope can be found in the darkest places. A story that points us forward to the promise of a king.

*Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies* takes us on an Advent journey through 25 daily reflections. Each day has a short devotion, a suggested prayer and links to a response song. Come along to Bethlehem and discover the hope that shines brightly even on the darkest of nights."

First Church purchased 200 copies to give away for free. You can pick up your copy at church starting today. You can also stop by the office

during the week. Take a copy for your family and we invite you to give them away to family, friends, and neighbors who need to be encouraged. We pray that this devotional helps you find hope during this Christmas season!

**The Giving Tree is up in the heritage room.** The tree this year supports Elizabeth's New Life Center Women's Center in Sidney. The center is a pro-life, non-profit pregnancy resource center that helps women to navigate unexpected pregnancies. The consultants at the center encourage each mother to choose life for her child, providing her with assistance in her spiritual, material, educational, and medical needs. These material needs include baby clothes, diapers, wipes, bottles, and many other essential infant care items. We ask that your family share the joy of Christmas by donating an item listed on the Giving Tree ornament of your choice or wish list provided. The items do not need to be gift-wrapped; they are used to help those in need throughout the year. Please return your donated items to the heritage room or ministry center by December 27, 2021.

**There will be no Jr. / Sr. high bible study today.** We will resume next Sunday, December 5.

**Hanging of the Greens** – Today immediately following worship we ask that everyone plan to stay and help decorate the church for Christmas. The more people we have, the more fun it is, and we are usually done quickly.

**The Tuesday Morning Women's Group** that meets in the Ministry Center will meet two more times before the end of the year – November 30 and December 7.

**Vocal & Bell Choir Schedule** for December

- Wednesday, December 1 – Regular practices.
- Sunday, December 12 – Christmas Cantata (last Sunday singing until January)
- Sunday December 19 – Bell Choir prelude (last Sunday playing until after holidays)

**Mark Your Calendar** - The Children's Christmas Program is Sunday, December 12 during the morning worship. This year will be a mix of old favorites and a fun new program called Behind The Manger Scene followed by the choir's Christmas Cantata.

**Online Giving through "My First Church"** – My First Church provides you with 24/7 access to online giving and your giving history. Create a secure log in through the link on our website. Creating an account allows you to submit changes to your personal information, view your giving history, set up online giving (one time or recurring, view the church directory and download the Church Life Mobile App. How do I sign up? Go to our website [www.firstchurchnk.org](http://www.firstchurchnk.org) & click on "Online Giving". You can also give as a guest without creating an account.

**Have you signed up for RightNow Media yet?** RightNow Media is an online library of thousands of Bible Study resources for adults, youth, and children. Materials can be accessed on a computer, smart phone, tablet, and smart TV apps like Roku and Apple TV. Create your FREE account on our website at [www.firstchurchnk.org](http://www.firstchurchnk.org)

**Prayer List for the Week of November 21** – Joyce Kellermeyer, Matt Settlage, Angie Kittel, Gene Kuck, Fred Piehl, Isaac Randall, Teresa Bambauer, Larry Henschen, Crystal Miller, and those travelling to the OCC processing center in Charlotte, NC.



## This Week at First Church - November 28 to December 5

### **TODAY                      First Sunday of Advent & The Lord's Supper**

8:00 am                      Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room  
9:00 am                      Worship Service  
10:15 am                     Sunday School  
10J:15 am                    Confirmation Classes  
10:15 am                     Adult Bible Study Group – Ministry Center

### **TUESDAY**

9:00 am                      Tuesday Morning Study Group – Ministry Center  
6:30 pm                      Faith Statement Bible Study Group – Ministry Center

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:45 pm                      Bell Choir Practice  
7-8:30 pm                    Jr. / Sr. High Youth Group  
7:30 pm                      Choir Practice  
8:30 pm                      Praise Team Practice

### **THURSDAY**

10:00 pm                    Faith Statement Bible Study Group – Ministry Center

### **NEXT SUN.                Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am                      Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room  
9:00 am                      Worship Service  
10:15 am                     Sunday School Children's program practice  
10:15 am                     Confirmation Classes  
10:15 am                     Adult Bible Study Group – Ministry Center  
10:15 am                     Jr. / Sr. High Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy Bambauer's

**Total Offering on November 21 - \$2,171.00                      Attendance: 160**

Offering for Carl Lanham with Nations of Coaches - \$1,381.00

Other Mission gifts - \$150.00

General Fund Gifts & Pledges - \$65.00

Heating System Pledges - \$500.00

Sunday School Offering - \$11.66

Online Giving for the week of November 21 – \$930.00