



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.

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

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Vocal Choir

Beth Butcher, Vocal Choir Director

Sharon Chaney, Musician

Carolyn Lammers, Children's Chat

Tracy Luck, Scripture Reader

Connor Hoge, Kyle Millhouse &

Matthew Anspach, Advent Readers

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

Announcements & Greeting Time

*** Advent Readings** from Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 and Psalm 33:17-22

***Worship**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Be Exalted O God

**I will give thanks to Thee
O Lord among the people
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations
For Thy steadfast love is great
Is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness
Thy faithfulness to the clouds**

**Be exalted O God above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth
Be exalted O God above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth**

(repeat)

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

Children's Chat

Giving Back to God

Offering: Mercy Unlimited Jail Ministry

Vocal Choir: Born To Be The Bread

*Presenting Our Gifts No. 625 - Doxology

*Scripture Readings

John 3:16

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:6-11

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Message – The Gospel of Christmas: Why Jesus Had to Come

The Lord's Supper

***Worship**

O The Blood

O, the blood, crimson love,
Price of life's demand;
Shameful sin placed on Him,
The Hope of ev'ry man.

O, the blood of Jesus washes me;
O, the blood of Jesus shed for me;
What a sacrifice that saved my life;
Yes the blood, it is my victory.

Savior Son, Holy One,
Slain so I can live;
O, see the Lamb, the great I Am,
Who takes away my sin.

O, the blood of Jesus washes me;
O, the blood of Jesus shed for me;
What a sacrifice that saved my life;
Yes the blood, it is my victory.

O, the blood of the Lamb;
O, the blood of the Lamb;
O, the blood of the Lamb,
The precious blood of the Lamb;
What a sacrifice that saved my life;
Yes, the blood it is my victory.

O, what love, no greater love;
Grace, how can it be
That in my sin, yes, even then,
He shed His blood for me.

O, the blood of Jesus washes me;
O, the blood of Jesus shed for me;
What a sacrifice that saved my life;
Yes the blood, it is my victory.

What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory

Benediction, Dismissal & Postlude

Announcements

Prayer List for the Week of November 27 – Kaylum Hines, Ted Lammers, John Wellman, Gary Bradford, Irma Hoelscher, Ann Donnerberg, Joann Wilkins, Beth (Dammeyer) Olberding, Dana Meckstroth-Brown, Mack Elshoff, Betty Kiefer, Gene Kuck, Isaac Randall, Larry Henschen, and Crystal Miller.

Come join us for a women's Advent bible study called O Come, O Come Emmanuel. This is a four-week personal study that will meet for five weeks It started on Tuesday, November 22 but it's not too late to join! We will meet at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Jr. & Sr. High Students, there is no bible study on Sunday, November 27.

Awana Schedule – There is no Awana for students on Wednesday, November 30. They will resume on December 7.

There is an Awana Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday, November 30 at 6 pm in the social room

Our Daily Bread Booklets for December to February are available at the entrances and at the info center.

The Piano Tuner will be here on Thursday, December 1. If you would like to have your home piano tuned while he is here, please call Connie at the church office (419-753-2446) and she can get you on his schedule.

The Children's Sunday School Christmas program is December 11th during the morning worship service at 9 am. This year our theme is "Prepare the Way." Our kids will help us all prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Help is Needed to Decorate the Church for Christmas. We will meet on Sunday, December 4 at 1 pm and get everything ready for the holiday season. *We need a minimum of 10 to 15 people.* Please let one of the office staff know if you can help.

Free Advent Devotional - Why the Nativity? - In this Advent devotional, Dr. David Jeremiah explores the Christmas story through the lens of one simple question: "Why?" Each of the twenty-five chapters asks a simple question to help highlight and explain the significance of the Biblical story. For example, "Why did God become a man?", "Why Mary?" and "Why did Jesus come when he did?" are all covered in the first week. Dr. Jeremiah draws from both the Old and New Testament to help us better understand the birth of Christ. Pick up a free copy at the church today. They are in the entrances and at the info center.

Poinsettias - The church will purchase poinsettias to be delivered to some of our members and those in retirement communities to enjoy for the holidays. If you know of someone who may enjoy a poinsettia please call the office at 419-753-2446.

The Giving Tree will go up in the heritage room on December 4th. The tree 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 29, 2022.

We still have First Church cookbooks. They make great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts. The cost per cookbook is \$5. Stop by the office or grab one at the info center in the sanctuary.

The Adult Sunday School Class that meets in the Ministry Center following worship has started a new study called *The World of the End – How Jesus' Prophecy Shapes Our Priorities* by Dr. David Jeremiah. This study unpacks Matthew 24:1-14 to help bring the voice of Jesus to the forefront of the political, spiritual, and global conversations centered on the condition of the world and the biblical connection to the events unfolding all around us. This class is led by Aaron Rohrbaugh and meets from 10:15 to 11:15 am each Sunday. It's not too late to join in.

Volunteers wanted for livestream services. We are looking for a few more people to join the rotation and assist with livestreaming the service on Sunday mornings. The time commitment is approximately 8:30 am to 10 am. Please see Connie Schroer, Deb Katterheinrich or Rob Chaney if you would like to see what is involved or would like to sit back and observe on a Sunday. Basic computer skills are needed but the rest of it is easy to learn!

Year End Gifts & Pledges - All financial gifts to be credited to 2022 giving statements must arrive to the church office by Noon on Friday, December 30 or be postmarked December 31, 2022. *Thank you.*

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

The Ministry Center Is Open to Walkers – The Ministry Center will be open Monday to Thursday 8 am to 3 pm to anyone who would like to walk laps around the big room during the day. Availability is subject to reserved events or other room usage but as long as the room is available, feel free to come and walk indoor.

This Week at First Church November 27 to December 4

TODAY

First Sunday in Advent

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper
10:15 am Confirmation Classes
10:15 am Sunday School Classes

TUESDAY

9:00 am Tuesday Morning Study Group – Min. Ctr. Youth Room
7:00 pm Advent Women's Bible Study – Min. Ctr.

WEDNESDAY

No Awana Classes for the kids
6:00 pm Awana Volunteers Meeting
7:00 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Group - Min. Ctr.

NEXT SUN.

Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Morning Worship
10:15 am Confirmation Classes
10:15 am Sunday School Classes
1:00 pm Decorate the Church for Christmas
7:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy
Bambauer's home.

Total Offering on November 20 - \$2,065.08 Attendance: 225
Offering for the Outreach & Evangelism Fund - \$1,585.08
General Fund Gifts & Pledges - \$480.00

Online Giving for the week of November 20- \$1,455.00
Kids Sunday School Offering on November 20 - \$22.61

