

Disciples of Christ
First Christian Church 

Welcome

December 4, 2022

ADVENT SEASON



PEACE

**“He will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.”** *Isaiah 9: 6b*

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to Walter McNutt on the death of a close friend, David Flood, in Fla.

Jennie Stoddard-Bernard (Regional Administrator) ... strength during treatments

Keith Henderson (Karen's brother in law)prayers

Linda Hallrecovering from double mastectomy

Pulpit Committee and FCC as we seek God's choice for pastor and family/ youth leader

Taylor (Shirley Welsh's granddaughter)..... preeclampsia

Rick (Deb Skubiak)ICU with URI

Sally McDaniel (Doris' daughter) .recovering at daughter's home -N. Royalton

Vicki Packey & Brian added health concerns with fluid build-up

Shirley McPherson..... recuperating at home

David Duro heart cath went well-more tests to come

Kaitlyn (Teeters) University Hospital-infection

Mark McVaney (Eve Lacher) CT scan showed tumors shrinking

Deb Skubiak & daughter's familyprayers

Shirley Moffettbroken neck

Richard Lewandoski..... knee cap surgery 12/6

Dale & Rose Matthews Dale recovering after emergency hernia surgery

Parker-1 month old (D. Wood) hosp with RSV in Oct-tracheotomy 11/15

Betty Martin (Shannon Sampson)..... multiple back fractures-Mercy

David Goldman (Paula)home from hosp. with therapy

Kerrie Mowder (Sherrie Didonato's twin)home from hosp

Gordon Dawson (Bill Earley) blood clot

Wanda Chidsey..... tests pending

Willie Diehl (Teeters) pancreas infection

Jill (Miriam Strain) cancer -responding well to treatments

Colleen Gantz.....prayers

Shirley Little health concerns

Renee Young (Betty Rush) health concerns

Tim Harlan..... doing will with rehab. therapy

Cathy Groveprayers for kidney function to improve

Jennifer (Karen Henderson)2nd breast cancer

Cheryl Ott continuing prayers

Kathy Harmon (Jana Hager)stage 3 cancer

Adam Coss (Milly Keller) chemo

Ukraine and its people

Jen and Justin Burkholder family missionaries

9:00 Casual Service

❖ Stand as you feel led

❖ Opening Praises **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Welcome & Announcements Seth DeHoff

LIGHTING THE CANDLE of PEACE

Chris & Jeff Schade

Season’s Greetings from the Christian Church of Ohio

Rev. Allen Harris,
Regional Pastor and President

Invitation to Children Worship & Wonder & Junior Church
(3 years – 2nd grade) (3rd –middle school)

Seth DeHoff

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer Pastor Mike Doak

Scripture: Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12/Galatians 5:22

Message: **“Of Pears and Pedigrees”**

Pastor Mike Doak

Invitation to Church Membership Seth DeHoff

❖ Invitation Hymn **“I Will Never Be the Same Again”**

❖ Confession of Faith Seth DeHoff

*“I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God,
and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Savior.”*

Invitation to Offering/Prayer Seth DeHoff

Offering Hymn **“The First Noel”**
instrumental

Invitation to Communion/Prayer Deb Skubiak, Elder

*All believers in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the
bread and cup as they are passed. Please partake as
you are served.*

❖ Closing Hymn **“I Heard the Bells”**

❖ Benediction Pastor Mike Doak

Passing the Peace

You are invited to come to the Christ Candle
in front of the sanctuary after the benediction
of the service for personal prayers.

11:00 Service Order of Worship

PRELUDE

"People, Look East"
French carol/Wood

INTROIT

"Emmanuel"
Chancel Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

George Cunningham

❖ Stand as you feel led

❖ LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Charlene Duro
Cathy Grove

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OPENING PRAISE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
pg. 87 (vs 1, 3, & 5)

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Mike Doak

ANTHEM

"Do You Hear What I Hear"
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12/Galatians 5:22

MESSAGE

"Of Pears and Pedigrees"
Pastor Mike Doak

INVITATION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP George Cunningham

Invitation to accept Christ or join church

❖ INVITATION HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
pg.96 (vs 1 & 3)

❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH

George Cunningham

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and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Savior."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

George Cunningham

OFFERTORY

“Prepare the Royal Highway”
Swedish carol/Mansfield

❖ DOXOLOGY “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

❖ PRAYER DEDICATION Dave Gill, Elder

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Dave Gill, Elder

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and cup as they are passed.
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HYMN “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”
pg. 95 (vs 1 & 3)

COMMUNION MEDITATION Dave Gill, Elder

COMMUNION PRAYER Dave Gill, Elder

❖ CLOSING HYMN “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
Celebration Hymnal pg. 267 (vs 1, 3, & 5)

❖ BENEDICTION Pastor Mike Doak

PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to come to the Christ Candle in front of the
sanctuary after the benediction of the service for
personal prayers.

NOTES:

Week of , December 4, 2022

TODAY	9:00	SUNDAY OF PEACE Casual Service
	9:00	Worship & Wonder
	9:15	JUNIOR CHURCH
	10:00	KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
	11:00	Traditional Service
	1:30	Pickleball
	4:00	CHRISTMAS CAROLING
7:00	AA Meeting-FH	
MON	9:30	Pickleball
	4:30	Admin
	5:30	Volleyball-parks
	6:00	AA Meeting-Livengood Classroom
TUE	10:30	SR Exercise
	1:30	Worship Service
	3:30	Grief Support Group
	6:30	Power of Positive Prayer
	6:30	Scouts-Gym
WED	9:30	Pickleball
	6:30	Worship Mtg
	7:00	OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL
	7:30	Praise Team
THU	8:00	Guy's Breakfast
	10:30	Senior Exercise
	6:00	Gym Rental
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir Practice
FRI	5:00	FH Rental
SAT	4:30	FH Rental
SUN		SUNDAY OF JOY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

JUNIOR CHURCH @ 9:15 (Kids 3rd – 6th grade)

kids will be dismissed from casual service and head to the chapel. We sing, pray, pray the Lord's Prayer, have a message based on a Bible story, take up an offering, and have communion.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, 10:10 AM

in Fellowship Hall. The kids have worked hard (with the help of Charlene Duro and Jeri Scafidi) and are ready to sing to God before an audience of joyful listeners – YOU!

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BRINGING JOY TO OTHERS...

CHRISTMAS CAROLING all ages are invited. PARENTS, this is an excellent opportunity to teach your kids the joy of serving others. Gather at 4:00, receive your group's route, take off to make a joyful noise, and return to the church for hot sandwiches (provided) and whatever you bring to share. You will return home around 6:45 with a truly JOYFUL HEART!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA...

This event is open to the community. The music begins at 5 with the Bell Choir, followed by the Chancel Choir who will perform "Let the Whole World Sing" by Joel Raney. Delicious, festive refreshments are served to conclude the evening.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS \$10.50

Remember to contact the office 330-823-6620 or email and get your poinsettia order in. Specify color and if you would like to take your plant home or donate it to a home-bound church friend or care facility.

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

. . . Dec. 11 – 5:00 Choir's Christmas Cantata and Christmas Tea

. . . Dec. 18 – 12:30 Blue Christmas Service for those with hurting hearts

. . . Dec. 18 – 10:00 Meat Ball Sub send-off honoring Lynda & Josh Burkett (carry-out or eat in; donations accepted)

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We are still taking names for Christmas food baskets.. Food baskets will be distributed December 21st 5-6pm at the church. Contact the church office @ 330-823-6620

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY TREE!

You are invited to help us decorate the large tree with your gifts for Michael's World. They are in need of socks, underwear (especially larger sizes), winter scarves, hats and gloves.



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Scripture: Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12/Galatians 5:22
Message: "Of Pears and Pedigrees"
Pages: Page 2 & 190, NT

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on,
Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power and the
Glory, forever.
Amen.

We are thankful for each and every one of you who blessed us with your presence today.

Interim Pastor Pastor Mike Doak
Christian Ed Director Jennifer Lewis
Youth Directors Josh & Lynda Burkett
Praise Team Leader/Organist..... Jeri Scafidi
Choir Director..... Charlene Duro
Office Manager..... Eve Lacher
Ministers Everyone

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1141 W Beech Street, Alliance

SUNDAYS

9AM Casual

11AM Traditional

TUESDAYS

1:30PM Worship Service

6:30PM Positive Prayer Group

Office Hours: Mon – Thu 8:30 – 4:00

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