

| First Christian Church<br>(Disciples of Christ)   |   |              |
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| Epiphany of the Lord  | January 7, 2024   |              |
| The Community Gathers Before God  |   |              |
| Prelude   | Prelude in C Major 9/8 BWV 547<br>Johann Sebastian Bach | Carol Wilson |
| Welcome   | Nancy May   |              |
| Lighting of the Candles   |   |              |
| *Call to Worship  | Nancy May   |              |
| Who are the wise among us?<br>THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF TRUTH.<br>Why have we come to this place?<br>THIS IS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.<br>WE COME TO PRAISE GOD;<br>TO FALL DOWN BEFORE THE CHRIST;<br>TO OFFER OUR HUMBLE GIFTS.<br>What gifts do we bring?<br>WITH THE ANCIENT MAGI, WE COME WITH THREE GIFTS: OUR HEART, AND<br>SOUL AND MIND - THESE THREE,<br>WHICH SING WITH ONE VOICE, ALLELUIA!<br>CHRIST IS COME! |   |              |
| *Opening Hymn   | We Three Kings  | #172         |
| *Prayer of Invocation   | Nancy May   |              |
| Announcements, Joys and Concerns  | Nancy May   |              |
| *Passing of the Peace   |   |              |
| Children’s Moment   | Dale and Derek Katzenmeyer                              |              |
| Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)   | Rev. Dean Prophet                                       |              |

| <i>The Community Hears and Proclaims God’s Word</i>   |  |   |
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| Scripture Reading   | Isaiah 60:1-6  | Nancy May   |
| Anthem  | <i>Rain Down..</i><br>Jaime Cortez arr. By John Carter | Chancel Choir<br>Nancy Lingbloom, Dir.<br>Sam Bryant, piano |
| Scripture Lesson  | Matthew 2:1-12   | p. 2 NT   |
| Sermon  | “The Long Journey”                                     | Rev. Dean Prophet   |
| <i>The Community Shares in Christ’s Life</i>  |  |   |
| Communion Hymn  | <i>This is a Day of New Beginnings</i>                 | #518  |
| Invitation to Communion   |  | Cathy Liss  |
| Words of Institution  |  | Cathy Liss  |
| Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving  |  | Cathy Liss  |
| Communion Music   | <i>Aria from Orchestral Suite No. 3</i><br>J. S. Bach  | Carol Wilson  |
| Partaking of the Bread and Cup  |  |   |
| <i>The table of the Lord is open to any and all who would come. The Lord is host; he invites and welcomes everyone to share in his supper. Please partake of the bread and cup as you receive it.</i> |  |   |
| Invitation to Offering  |  | Nancy May   |
| Offertory Music   | <i>In Thee is Joy</i><br>arr. Dale Wood                | Carol Wilson  |
| *Doxology   |  | #47   |
| *Prayer of Dedication   |  | Nancy May   |
| <i>The Community Departs for Ministry</i>   |  |   |
| *Closing Hymn   | <i>As With Gladness</i>                                | #173  |
| *Carrying the Light to the World  |  |   |
| *Benediction  |  | Rev. Dean Prophet   |
| Postlude  | <i>Salvation has come to Earth</i><br>Anonymous        | Carol Wilson  |
| *Those who are able, please stand.  |  |   |

## Life of Our Church

- **TODAY – we welcome Rev. Dean Prophet, guest preacher**
  - **REMOVAL of Christmas decorations.** Please stay after worship service to help us put everything away. The more people to help, the quicker we finish!
- January 9 – Elder Meeting 6pm
- January 11 – Chancel Choir, 6:30pm
- January 14 – Noisy Offering Sunday for The Place
  - Chapel Sunday School Class will resume at 9am
  - All Church POTLUCK & informational gathering after worship serv.
- January 15 – church offices closed for MLK day
- January 29 – Ministry Board Meeting, 6pm
- ❖ Our **Nursery** is open for children through the age of 4.
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\* **Conversations That Matter – Tuesdays @ 10am in the parlor, please join us.**

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### Budget Report for December 2023

| General Funds     | 12/8/23 – 12/31/23   |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Income            | \$23,924.45          |
| Expenses          | \$12,729.99          |
| Net Income (Gain) | \$11,194.46          |
| <b>YTD</b>        | <b>-\$244,245.48</b> |

*Reports will be given by a specific time/date, not cumulative*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14*



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