

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2022**

***The Community Gathers Before God***

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prelude

*Rondo Festivo*  
Cynthia Dobrinski

Hand Bell Choir

Lighting of the Candles

\*Processional Hymn

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

#119

\*Call to Worship

Jenn Candib

The promise of our living God dawns upon us,

**WE WAIT EXPECTANTLY.**

The hope of our living God arises among us,

**WE WAIT CONFIDENTLY.**

The Cherished One of our living God appears for us,

**WE WAIT IN JOY.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

\*Prayer of Invocation

Jenn Candib

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Dale Katzenmeyer and Angie Kellems

Reading

Response

*When God Is A Child*

#132 vs. 4

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prayers of the People

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

***The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word***

A Reading of the Psalms

*Psalm 26*

Jenn Candib

Anthem

*Love Grows Here*  
Don Besig

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-2; Luke 1:39-56

p. 663 OT/57 NT

Sermon

Rev. Caryn Yoast

***The Community Shares in Christ's Life***

Communion Hymn

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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Invitation to Communion

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving

Susan Rae Jensen

Communion Music

*Reflections on Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

John Carter

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*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.*

Invitation to Offering

Jenn Candib

Offertory Music

*Virgin's Slumber Song*  
Max Reger

Chancel Choir Women

\*Doxology

#47

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Caryn Yoast

***The Community Departs for Ministry***

\*Silent Prayer for the World

\*Recessional Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

#155

\*Benediction

Rev. Caryn Yoast

\*Carrying the Light to the World

Postlude

*Swiss Noel*  
Louis-Claude D' Aquin

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Life of Our Church

- **December 19** – Admin. Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
- **December 24** at 5:00 p.m.- Christmas Eve worship service
- **December 25** – no church service / *Christmas in the Parking Lot* at The Edge parking lot (324 N. Nevada), see newsletter or info slides for details.
- **December 26** – Observed holiday, church and church offices closed
- **December 29 & 30** – Church and church offices closed
- **January 2** – Observed holiday, church and church offices closed
- **January 9** – Elder Meeting 6pm
- **January 10** – 147@147 Meeting 6pm
- **January 15** - **Dr. Zahari Metchkov in Recital/ FCC Concert Series**
- **January 16** – church offices closed for MLK day

The Pastoral Search Committee recently distributed a Congregation Survey at the end of our worship service. Please take a few minutes to fill this out, if you haven't already done so. If you didn't get a copy, you may also find the survey at [HERE](#), or call the church office at 719-633-8888 to receive a copy.

**Have you turned in your contact information?** Please send your name, address, phone number(s), and email to the church office. You may do this by phone, by email, by letter, or fill out the form available at the rear of the sanctuary and leave it in the ministry assistant mailbox near the offices. Thank you.

*Dear Friends,  
What a joy that during this time of transition, our wonderful staff has gone above and beyond what might have been expected. They've accepted the challenge and made good things happen. Now it is time for us to tell them "thank you" with a STAFF APPRECIATION gift. Let's be generous this Christmas. You may give cash, a check or any of the usual ways you give. Just be sure to mark it "Staff Appreciation". Sunday, December 18th is the deadline for your gift. FCC's Administrative Committee will share these Christmas gifts with our staff.*

*Thank you and blessings,  
Marsha*

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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Jump for Joy: Mary & Elizabeth, 2007

Corby Eisbacher

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Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Jolyne Antista, music director  
Dr. Zahari Metchkov, organist