

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

**Christmas Eve**

**December 24, 2022**

Gathering

Dr. Zahari Metchkov  
Carol Wilson

Silent Meditation

*“How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given. I would be silent now, God, and expectant...that I may receive the gift I need, so I may become the gifts others need.”*

*–Ted Loder, Guerrillas of Grace*

Greeting

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prelude

*Adagio*  
W. A. Mozart

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

\*Call to Worship

Rick Bachmann

Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The promise is fulfilled!

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE.**

Hope gives way to joy and prayer gives way to proclamation.

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE.**

Our Advent candles illuminate our way to Bethlehem. Light invades the darkness.

The Light of the World has come.

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE.**

And this light is a light for all; igniting a flame in the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within us and among us now and always.

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE, GOODWILL TO ALL.**

\*Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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\*Prayer of Invocation

Rick Bachmann

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Avery and Ayana Alvarado & Family

Reading

Response

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

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refrain

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Caryn Yoast

***Proclamation of the Word***

First Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Anthem

*Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head*  
Joseph Flummerfelt

Chancel Choir

Second Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Rick Bachmann

\*Carol

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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Third Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Meditation

Rev. Caryn Yoast

***The Lord's Supper***

Anthem

*O Holy Night*  
Adolphe Adam

Chancel Choir

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread & Cup

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-*

Communion Music

*The Holy Infants Lullaby*  
Norman Dello Joio

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

OFFERING for Week of Compassion

Invitation to Offering

Offertorio Pastorale  
Anonymous (1700s)

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

***Service of Candle lighting***

\*Charge for Bearers of the Light

(please tip the unlit candle towards the lit candle)

\*Carol

*Silent Night*

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*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth*

(Please extinguish your candles and place them in the baskets as you leave.)

Silent Prayer for the World

\*Benediction

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Postlude

In dulci jubilo  
Franz Liszt

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

\* As you are able, please stand.

### **Announcements**

- **December 25 - January 2** – 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

### RECIPIENT OF OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING



**Week of Compassion (WOC)** is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of our wider church family, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. WOC seeks to equip and empower Disciples congregations and their participants to help alleviate suffering through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities. Only six cents of every dollar given is needed for administrative costs, which have allowed WOC to attend faithfully to all areas in need. Unlike some disaster relief agencies, WOC is committed to "the long haul" to help communities and churches in the months and years following a disaster.

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Peace  
On  
Earth

### **Christmas Eve Service**

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16 East Platte  
Colorado Springs

Dr. Caryn M. Yoast, pastor  
Jolyne Antista, music director  
Dr. Zahari Metchkov, organist