



CHRIST CHURCH

OUR PASTORS

Don Archer
Cheryl Arnold

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Steve Brown, Organ & Piano
Norma Dennis, Piano

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Beth Payton, Voice & Handbell
Norma Dennis, Junior Choir

HEAD USHERS

8:00 Karl Kronberg
10:30 Gerald Swartz

LAY READERS

8:00 Derek Duckworth
10:30 Jim Schneider

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday9 to 3
Friday.....8 to Noon

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Advent · December 24, 2017

WE GATHER

Greeting and Announcements · Attendance & Prayer Requests
(pass request cards, available in the pew, to the center for ushers to collect)

Moments of Meditation

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his
kingdom there will be no end. – Luke 1:33

Prelude *Go Tell It on the Mountain* – arr. Mark Hayes
Steve Brown with Norma Dennis

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Call to Worship

L: Welcome, dear people. God has blessed our gathering.

P: We come again on this journey, following the light.

L: God's light shines for us today, bringing peace.

P: May we, like Mary, respond to God's presence with joy. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234

*Opening Prayer

**Open our hearts this day, Lord, to receive your words and then
to be those who will share with others as you have shared with
us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*Prayer Response *Glory Be to the Father* #71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**



OT Reading Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 OT 650

+Anthem *I Shall Know Him When He Comes* – Douglas E Wagner
Sanctuary Choir

+Junior Choir *A Star, a Song, a Sign* – Brad Nix & Jon Paige

Children's Time *(children are invited to come forward)*

*Hymn of Preparation *In the Bleak Midwinter* #221

*Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38
Sermon – Pastor Don Archer

NT 53



WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer and **The Lord's Prayer**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts
Offertory *Gesù Bambino* - arr. Mark Hayes

*The Doxology – #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we seek to honor you with these monetary gifts. We pray that these gifts may help this church to change people's lives and to spread your message of grace. In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

*Hymn of Faith *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* #218

*Benediction

*Response **Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. #666
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude *Postlude on Gloria* – Jason Payne

* *please stand if able*

⁺ *10:30 a.m. service only*

Today's altar flowers are provided by Les Anderson in loving memory of his wife, Eloise.

ATTENDANCE 12/17

Sunday School 37

Worship 216

SCRIPTURE 12/31

OT Reading – Isa. 61:10-62:3

NT Reading – Luke 2:22-40

CHILDREN'S CHURCH⁺

Jan Rary

CHILD CARE

Nursery – Room 102

Preschool – Room 103

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – 12/24

8 a.m. Worship

9 a.m. Donut Time

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Children's Church

7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

MONDAY – 12/25

Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY – 12/26

Offices closed.

WEDNESDAY – 12/27

12 p.m. Holy Communion

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