



# CHRIST CHURCH

## OUR PASTORS

Don Archer  
Cheryl Arnold

## INSTRUMENTALISTS

Steve Brown, Piano & Organ  
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 Jeff Walker

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday .....9 to 3  
Friday.....8 to Noon

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Advent Four • December 23, 2018

## 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

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. – Luke 1:45

Prelude *People Look East* - Mokelbust Cathedral Handbells

### \*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

L: Today we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

**P: Help us to love one another even as you have loved us.**

L: May love be the gift that we share most generously.

**P: May love be the gift that we receive most joyously. Amen.**

+ Junior Choir *Light One Candle* Natalie Sleeth

\*Hymn of Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #211

### \*Opening Prayer

**Precious Savior, breathlessly we wait for your Coming. All things have been made ready. Come into our waiting hearts that we may celebrate the miraculous day of your birth. Welcome, Lord Jesus, for it is in your 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.**

Old Testament Reading Micah 5:2-5a NT #815

+ Anthem *Long Ago, Prophets Knew* - Larson  
Sanctuary Choir with Cathedral Handbells

+ Junior Choir *Peace, Peace* Rick & Sylvia Powell

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

\*Hymn of Preparation *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230



\*Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45

NT #53



Sermon – Pastor Don Archer

## WE RESPOND

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

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory *Love Came Down at Christmas - Dobrinski*

Cathedral Handbells with Vicki Schwartz McCoy on flute

\*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

**Loving God, as we present our tithes and offerings to you this morning for your blessing, we remember the greatest blessing the world has ever received: your precious Son, sent to redeem us. Thank you for showing us how to give from the heart. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH

\*Hymn of Faith *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #240

\*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 *Toccata on "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"* – J. 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.

Rosebud on altar welcomes to this world Rowan Sophia, daughter of Betsey and Bob of Doha, Qatar. Grandparents are Pete and Sherrie Hoffman.

ATTENDANCE 12/16

Sunday School 33

Worship 195

SCRIPTURE 12/30

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Exodus 3:7-12

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Matthew 2:13-15

CHILDREN'S CHURCH<sup>+</sup>

Jan Rary

CHILD CARE

Nursery – Room 102

Preschool – Room 103

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – 12/23

8 a.m. Worship

9 a.m. Donut Time

9 a.m. Junior Choir

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

MONDAY – 12/24

7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

TUESDAY – 12/25

Merry Christmas!

WEDNESDAY – 12/26

Offices closed.

# NOTES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Eve Service** 7 p.m. Join us as we quiet our hearts to receive the Savior King.

**Kristen Kumpf**, Human Migration & Mobility Dir. for American Friends Service Cmte., speaks next Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, sharing her experiences with the migrant caravan in Mexico.

**Special Offerings** this holiday season:

- **Advent Offering** for UMCOR's work in the aftermath of the California fires.
- **Staff Christmas Offering** in appreciation for the work of our ministers and full-time staff.
- **Christmas Offering**: year-end giving for the continued ministry of Christ Church

**Hat & Mitten Tree** in the Education Wing. Add new hats & mittens, distributed at local schools.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** pick up in the Narthex.

**2019 Altar Flowers** – sign up in the Narthex.

**Rary Home Bible Study** meets Mondays, 7 p.m. at Don & Jan Rary's, 740-376-0540.

**Ukulele Choir** beginner's class starts Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rehearsals begin March 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**Wednesday Holy Communion** resumes Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Favorites from the Foothills UMW Cookbook** - \$10, funding the work of the United Methodist Women. See Beth Morgan to get your copy.

**Community Christmas Feast Volunteers** – turkey carvers: Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, drivers: the morning of Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. For info call Bob Chase (740) 350-5176.

**Birthday Dessert Reception** in honor of Les Anderson's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-2:30, Spagna's, 301 Gilman. No gifts, cards welcome.

**Trustee Donations** – support their work in the care of our facility by marking your gift "Trustee".

**Yarn for Inmates & Premies** – collection box in the Ed. Wing for Noble Correction Inmate's project: hats & blankets for preemies.

**Fishes & Loaves** – December Food Pantry needs: canned vegetables, instant potatoes, jelly, saltines, canned soups. Place in marked basket in Narthex.

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