



**December 3, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, December 3, 2023

### Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

*In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. Please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray during communion.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Phyllis McBrayer, Elder

*If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit [fccbutler.org](http://fccbutler.org) and click the Register Attendance button.*

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### Prelude

Mary Coffman, Accompanist

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

### \*Call to worship (please rise as able) Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

L: O Emmanuel, our King and giver of the Law,  
Desire of the nations and Savior of all:  
come and save us, O Lord our God.

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

### \*Opening Hymn

CH #167 (All)

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

### \*Invocation

Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
ever faithful to your promises  
and ever closer to your church:  
The Earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming  
and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time.  
Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us  
from feeling the joy and hope that his presence will bestow,  
for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

### Advent Candle Lighting

“Hope”

Carol Hedrick

“Voices of Advent – The Woman with the Issue of Blood”

“One Candle Is Lit”

CH #128 (verse 1)

### Prayer Hymn

CH #119 (1,3,4)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

### Silent Meditation

### Pastoral Prayer - “The Lord's Prayer”

Sharla Hulsey

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

### Responsive Reading

Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV)

L: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**P: He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.**

L: He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

**P: Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;**

L: but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

**P: they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.**

### Special Music

“When Emmanuel Has Come”

Adult Choir

### Scripture

*Matthew 9:18-26*

Lyssa Lile

### Message

“I know he can save me.”

Sharla Hulsey

### Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

### \*Invitation Hymn

“There's a Song in the Air”

CH #159 (All)

**\* Please rise as able**

<u>Musical Interlude</u>	Mary Coffman
<u>Offering Meditation</u>	Diana Rich
<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings</u>	Diaconate
<i>Offering trays will be passed in the pews.</i>	
* <u>Doxology</u>	CH #47
<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>	
* <u>Prayer of Dedication</u>	Phyllis McBrayer
<u>Call to Communion</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Communion Hymn</u>	CH #149 (All)
“Angels from the Realms of Glory”	
<u>Words of Institution</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Communion Prayer</u>	Phyllis McBrayer
<u>Distribution of the Elements</u>	Diaconate
<i>Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.</i>	
<b><u>WE DEPART TO SERVE</u></b>	
* <u>Benediction</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<i>Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>	
* <u>Closing Hymn</u>	CH #143 (1,3)
“Joy to the World”	

\* Please rise as able

<b><u>SERVING TODAY</u></b>	
<b>Pastor:</b> Sharla Hulsey	<b>Greeter:</b> The Lile Family
<b>Elder:</b> Phyllis McBrayer	<b>Scripture Reader:</b> Lyssa Lile
<b>Deacons:</b> Derek Lile, Gary Coffman	<b>Choir Director:</b> Carol Ann Winburn
	<b>Accompanist:</b> Mary Coffman

- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **OUTREACH MISSION**  
This December, we will be supporting Coats for Kids in Bates County. You can participate in the project by making a monetary contribution payable to Coats for Kids.
  - **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**  
The Stewardship Committee is starting a “ketch-up” campaign to help replenish FCC reserve funds.
  - **DISCIPLES WOMEN** - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 6:30 PM
  - **ELDERS MEETING** - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 FOLLOWING WORSHIP
  - **BHS ALUMNI HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR** - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10  
FCC will be participating. The tour will run from 1 pm to 4 pm.
  - **BOARD MEETING** - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 FOLLOWING WORSHIP
  - **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 @ 5:30 PM
  - **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 @ 6:30PM
  - **NEW YEAR’S EVE BREAKFAST** - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 @ 8AM

<b><u>THIS WEEK’S EVENTS</u></b>		
Sunday, Dec. 3:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Life Group
Tuesday, Dec. 5:	6:30 p.m.	<b>Disciples Women</b>
Wednesday, Dec. 6:	6 p.m. 7p.m.	Youth Group Choir Practice
Friday, Dec. 8:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	SonShine Ladies
<b><u>NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS</u></b>		
Sunday, Dec. 10:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  1 p.m.—4 p.m.	Worship Life Group/ <b>Elders Meeting</b> <b>BHS Alumni Holiday Tour</b>
Wednesday, Dec. 13:	12 p.m. 6 p.m. 7p.m.	Rotary Club Luncheon Youth Group Choir Practice
Friday, Dec. 15:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	SonShine Ladies