



December 21, 2025

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

To respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.

Welcome and Announcements

Diana Rich, 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.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Mary Coffman

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to Worship (please rise as able)

Diana Rich & Congregation

Luke 1:68-69, 72, 74-75

L: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
who has looked favorably on his people
and redeemed them.

P: He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David...

L: He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant...

P: to grant us that we, being rescued
from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

*Opening Hymn

CH #167 (all)

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Invocation

Diana Rich & Congregation

Luke 1:78-79

L: Blessed are you, Lord God:

P: By your tender mercy
the dawn breaks upon us.
Guide our feet this day
in paths of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please rise as able*

"O" Antiphon Reading

Lyssa Lile

"O Radix Jesse – O Root of Jesse"

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Prayer Hymn

BH #152 (all)

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

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

Diana Rich & Congregation

Isaiah 2:2-4 (NRSV)

L: In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

P: it shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

L: Many peoples shall come and say,

P: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

L: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

P: they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

Special Music

Adult Choir

"Listen, Children, Hear the Angels Sing"

**Please rise as able*

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

Message

"It came a flow'ret bright..."

Invitation to Discipleship

*Invitation Hymn

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Musical Interlude

Offering Meditation

Tithes & Offerings

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

*Doxology

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Call to Communion

Communion Hymn

"While Shepherds Watched their Flocks"

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World"

**Please rise as able*

Serving Today

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Elder: Diana Rich

Deacons: Derek Lile,
Peggy Thomas

Greeter: Lile family

Scripture Reader: Lyssa Lile

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Accompanist: Mary Coffman

Lyssa Lile

Sharla Hulsey

Sharla Hulsey
CH #153 (all)

Mary Coffman
Diana Rich
Diaconate

CH #47

Diana Rich
Sharla Hulsey
CH #154 (vv. 1, 3, 4, 6)

Sharla Hulsey
Diana Rich
Diaconate

Sharla Hulsey

CH #143 (vv. 1, 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- OUTREACH MISSION - Our Outreach Mission for December is bagged meals, to be donated to The Carpenters Cup. You can either assemble a meal from instructions on the sheets in the foyer, bring ingredients for a meal & we will assemble them, or donate money towards the purchase of the ingredients. (Each bag costs about \$10.00 to assemble.)
 - BOARD MEETING - *Today* after worship
 - CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - *Wed., Dec. 24 @ 6:30p.m.*
 - OFFICE CLOSED - Christmas Day & New Year's Day
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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 21:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Board Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 24:	6:30 p.m.	Candlelight Service
Thursday, Dec. 25:	Christmas Day/Office Closed	

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 28:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Thursday, Jan. 1:	New Year's Day/Office Closed	

*...the One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it ...
~Philippians 1:6*



THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

 2025 CHRISTMAS OFFERING
supporting the work of your Region and its ministries



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100% of your giving to the Christmas Offering supports the work of our Regional ministries

One: When angels sing
Many: and starlight twinkles

One: When kings reign
Many: and sheep bleat

One: In a manger, wrapped in cloth
Many: surrounded by love.

One: An infant's cries pierce the night
Many: and we know that Christ is among us.

One: But what about...
Many: when the night goes silent and dark?

One: When empires fall and shepherds rise?
Many: When the world turns upside down

One: And the swaddling cloths fall away...
Many: Do we know that Christ is still among us?

One: Do we offer our gifts with the Magi?
Many: Because this is when the work of Christmas begins.

One: The work of Christ among us
Many: In our Region's ministries

One: In our calling and discernment
Many: In our Camps and Conferences

One: In our care of clergy and new ministry adventures
Many: In our collective calling to do Justice, love Mercy, and walk Humbly

One: With every gift to the Christmas Offering,
All: the work of Christ in our Region begins with Christmas! Amen.