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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship with...
Beautiful music and hymns including—
Once in Royal David's City
Infant Holy, Infant Lowely
Christ Came Down
Solo, Ensemble, and Choir anthems
Scripture readings, candle lighting
Responsive readings and homily
Celebrating the Birth of Christ!

Childcare is available starting at 3:15 for the 4:00 service and 6:15 for the 7:00 service.

YEAR END PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Tax law dictates that all contributions can be counted as a deduction only within the year in which it is given. Therefore, gifts to First Christian Church for this year (or advanced gifts for 2026 and beyond), to be counted on your 2025 giving statement, must be received and/or postmarked no later than December 31, 2025. If you have questions, please contact our Administrative Assistant Stephanie Gasaway at 405-329-2192 or email stephanie@fccnorman.org. Thank you for your generous support of the church's work.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th in celebration of Christmas!

The church office will reopen on Monday, December 29th at 8:00 a.m.

The church office will also be closed on Thursday, January 1st in celebration of New Year's Day.

The church office will reopen on Friday, January 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

Congregation President Stephanie Clinton presided at the congregational meetings at the 8:40 and 10:45 services, during which the congregation approved the proposed General Budget for the mission and ministry of First Christian Church during 2026. Thanks to the committees and Board for their work in preparation of the 2026 General Fund budget and thanks to the congregation for the faithful stewardship and generous support of the church's work!

ADVENT UNDECORATING

We as a church family have enjoyed the beauty of the Advent/Christmas decorations in recent weeks. We are planning the annual "undecorating" on **Saturday**, **January 3 at 9:00AM**. Please consider joining members of the Worship Department in assisting with this effort. It will be greatly appreciated.

OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The church makes available both weekly and monthly offering envelopes for your use, which are available at the church. If you would like for the church to mail offering envelopes to you, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so. Thank you!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

First Sunday after Christmas Day

8:40 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Worship

Worship will also be livestreamed at 10:45 a.m.

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12 Sermon: *Another Way!*

Worship & Wonder: Family Sunday

Evensong Monday, January 5th, at 5:15 p.m.– Chapel

YOUTH GROUP

Check the youth list email, Facebook, GroupMe, and the iMessage group text for meeting information. Please contact Shannon if you have any questions!

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Chi Rho is for youth in 6th-8th grades and CYF is for youth in 9th-12th grades.

All Chi Rho and CYF youth are welcome to join us for any and all events, and friends are always welcome!

School Year Schedule

Chi Rho Service Night—4:00 p.m. Chi Rho Free Time—4:45-5:15 p.m. Chi Rho Meeting—5:15-6:30 p.m.

Youth Meal (Chi Rho and CYF)—6:30-7:15 p.m.

CYF Meeting—7:15-8:30 p.m. **December 24, and 31**—No Youth

January 7—No Youth

January 14—Return to school year schedule at Hey

Day!

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Congratulations to **Julia Prise**, who received her PhD in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum this past Saturday from the University of Oklahoma. Julia is married to Leith Prise and is the daughter of Jim and Stephanie Gasaway.

Susan Haney and Susan Blair have been released from Norman Regional Hospital.

BOOK CLUB

The Sunday afternoon book club facilitated by Rev. Dr. Catherine Bennett takes place on **January 25th at 4:00 p.m.** meeting in the Study and Share Classroom! The book for November is entitled *The Last Secret of Lily Adams* by Sara Blaydes and can be picked up in the Study and Share Classroom.

POINSETTIAS DEDICATIONS

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary and gallery during the season of Advent and Christmas. You are encouraged to take a poinsettia you purchased and enjoy it at home or share with a loved one. We are grateful for all the poinsettias given in memory, honor, and appreciation as listed below...

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Helen and James Hedge

Jack and Elvina Roberts

Cecil and Ruth Wyatt

J. Edward Portwood

Gene Moser

Corene Miller and Whiteselle Moser

Peggy and Ken Price and Helen and Guy Eley

Judy Duprez

Carlton & Mary Garrison

Charlie "PawPaw" Buzzard

Fran and Bob Fowler, Dorothy and Glenn Faison

Tammy Young

Norman & Nelson Wood

Harry & Ann Winton

Kenneth, Jean Brasier and Ernie Brasier

Orville, Ruth and Brian Curtis

Kurt Tesch

Gary Tesch

Leanne Guinn

Chris Dodd

Kathy Jacobs

Bill Knapp

The Brown, Pike & Brawner Families

Wallace and Loretta Robinson

Alva and Berniece Brown

A.O. and Lois Drennan

W.M. Cole Sr. and Gay Cole

Heath and Holsinger Families

Androes and Stahl Families

R.L. Herren

Edward W. Dzialo, Jr.

June Weigl

Joe B. Lawter

Gene and Glenda Clinkenbeard, Jack and Donna Lawter

Stephen Green

James Dean Gregg

Earn and OlaLee Benton

Theron Simpson

Given by...

Barry, Paula & Amanda Roberts Barry, Paula & Amanda Roberts

Cecilia, Lindsey & C.H. Wyatt Jr.

Gayle Portwood & Family

The Moser Family

The Moser Family E.H. & Bev Eley

Mitch Duprez

Jan Garrison

Buzzard & Wright Families

Duzzaid & Wight Fam

Ann & Kent Faison

Misty Hsieh

Nathana Wood

Nathana Wood

Steven & Janet Curtis

Steven & Janet Curtis

Jeanne Tesch

Jeanne Tesch

Jeanne Tesch

Chuck and Judi Jacobs

Chuck and Judi Jacobs

Jo Knapp

Judy Brawner & Nicole Sterling

Les and Donna Brown

Les and Donna Brown

David & Sandra Drennan

David & Sandra Drennan

Sharon & Bruce Heath

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Maggie Herren and Family

Linda Dzialo

Randy & Diane Stansberry

Lisa, Leyton, Parker and Nikki Lawter

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Stephanie Clinton & Family

Caley Gregg-Laws

Steve & Jennifer Graham

Glenda Simpson

Church Calendar

December 24, 2025- Wednesday

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 25, 2025- Thursday

Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed NPS/MDO Closed

December 26, 2025- Friday

Church Office Closed NPS/MDO Closed

December 28, 2024 Sunday

Christmas Offering 8:40 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Worship

December 29, 2025- Monday

NPS/MDO Closed

December 30, 2025- Tuesday

NPS/MDO Closed

INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Wow! The Frolic class sang beautifully during the introit of the Christmas Pageant. The perfect opening of welcome! Each Sunday morning our attendants who care and teach the infant—Pre-K children continue to create a safe and nurturing environment. Through story, play and a craft the children explore a Bible story each week. Kandice, our Nursery Coordinator, and our dedicated nursery staff ensure the children are engaged every Sunday morning.

VOYAGE INTO DISCIPLESHIP

Children, kindergarten through 5th grade, gather every Sunday to set sail from the third floor in the children's education area at 9:30am. Our rotations this Sunday will focus on the Gift of Jesus.

LOGOS

Logos is taking a break; we will resume on January 14th. Wishing you all the hope, peace, joy and love of this season. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to make a difference in our children's lives during Logos!

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

We Three Kings (172) What Child Is This (162) Lovely Star in The Sky (175)

Sunday Worship will be both video and audio livestreamed at 10:45 in the morning

WORSHIP PODCAST

The morning prayer, anthem, scripture, and sermon are now available each week in podcast form. Simply search Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or Spotify for "First Christian Church of Norman." You can also listen right in your browser at podcast.fccnorman.org.

ACCESSING LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Sunday 10:45 worship will be livestreamed so you can watch or listen from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Simply search Facebook for "First Christian Church of Norman" or, if you aren't on Facebook, point your browser to http://live.fccnorman.org for links to stream on YouTube and other social media platforms. If you are not able to watch live, the video will be available for later viewing. To access the church homepage please visit http://fccnorman.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your faithful stewardship that makes possible the excellent work of the church in its many ministries of outreach, education, worship, care, and fellowship. As a reminder, you may send your contributions to the church in one of several ways...

- *Checks can be mailed to the church at 220 South Webster Avenue, Norman, OK 73069.
- *Calling the church office (329-2192) and charging on a debit or credit card.
- *Setting up a recurring weekly or monthly payment from a checking, savings, debit or credit card.
- *Givelify—you can give from your computer or mobile device by visiting http://give.fccnorman.org to donate online or search your device's app store for the Givelify app.