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December 2025

The Enduring Hope of Advent

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As the days grow shorter and festive lights begin to twinkle, we find ourselves once again in the midst of Advent—a sacred season of preparation and eager anticipation. It's a time when we intentionally slow down, reflect, and re-center our hearts on the profound truths of our faith.

In a world often marked by uncertainty, fear, and division, the message of Christian hope shines even brighter during Advent. Hope, for us, is not a naive optimism or a wishful thought. It is a steadfast assurance, deeply rooted in the promises of God and the historical reality of Christ's birth.

This Advent, let us fix our gaze on the radiant hope that the birth of Jesus brings.

Hope in His Coming: The prophets of old spoke of a Messiah who would come, bringing light to those who walked in darkness, and peace to a fractured world. Isaiah proclaimed: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." (Isaiah 9:2). This was a hope that sustained generations, a yearning for redemption that finally found its fulfillment in a manger in Bethlehem.

Hope in His Presence: Beyond Jesus' historical arrival, Advent reminds us that Christ is continuously present with us, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is with us in our joys and our sorrows, in our triumphs and our trials. This is a living hope, a constant source of strength, knowing that we do not face life's challenges alone.

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Hope in His Return: Advent also points us towards the glorious return of our Lord. It is a season that stirs our hearts with the "blessed hope" of his second coming, when he will make all things new and usher in His eternal Kingdom. This future hope enables us to live with purpose, to persevere through difficulties, and to eagerly await the day when every tear will be wiped away.

As we light the candles of Advent—each representing hope, peace, joy, and love—let us allow their glow to ignite a renewed sense of expectation within our souls. Let us meditate on the profound truth that God has acted, is acting, and will act again to bring about His perfect will.

I encourage you to set aside dedicated time each week to engage with Advent devotionals, spend quiet moments in prayer, and gather with your church family as we worship and celebrate together. May this season be a time of deep spiritual refreshing and a powerful reminder of the enduring hope we have in Christ Jesus.

Blessings,

-Rev. Colby

Inside...December Birthdays, Events, News and Announcements, Prayer Requests and more!

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club December Schedule

Sundays until 1:30

Nov 30-Angel Tree Shopping

Dec 7th-The Symbols of Christmas

Dec 14th-Christmas Pageant

Dec 21st-Kid's Club Christmas Party

Dec 28th-No Kid's Club



FCC Children and Youth Christmas Program



Sunday, Dec 14th

Fellowship Dinner and program
immediately following Worship

We will be rehearsing at Kid's Club. Please make every effort for your children to be there to rehearse.

Kid's Club December Theme

Symbols of Christmas

Join us each week in December as we learn about how Stars, Fir trees, Ornaments and even Cards became beloved symbols of Christmas.!

Kid's Club is open to all children in K-5th grade.



Kid's Club and MS Youth Creating Cards for Parkview Residents!



FCC Sunday Morning Children's Programs

During Worship, Children Birth-5th grade are invited to leave the sanctuary after the Children's Chat to worship in a way that is developmentally appropriate to their age. All programs are staffed with background checked volunteers.

Church Nursery -Newborns-age 3

Worship & Wonder-Children age 4-2nd Grade

Children's Church-Children in 3rd-5th Grade

After Worship, children K-5th grade are invited to Kid's Club. We eat lunch together and then explore a bible story through games, art, experiments, and more. For questions about FCC Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

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News & Announcements

*Thank
You*

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you First Christian Church, for the time, care and joy you share with our residents. Your visit and seasonal parties brighten their days and truly lift their spirits. We deeply appreciate the love, friendship and thoughtfulness you bring to Parkview Assisted Living. It makes such a difference in our community.

Blessing to all,

Abi Dobson, Kerri Wasteil, Tammy Leavell

Hello to FCC,

Words are not enough to express our appreciation of your support, in all of its totality, of our family during the loss of our mother Margaret Milburn. Thank you for your time, concern, cards, thoughts, prayers and love.

Big love,

Ann Milburn and Family

Dear Members of First Christian Church:

I would like to express our thanks to you for your gift to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky. This over and above outreach gift will help strengthen and expand our service to congregations and communities in our region.

We appreciate the many ways that the church is involved in witness and serves through the Christian Church in Kentucky. We claim your ministry as our ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett

Regional Minister

Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting will be held on December 7th immediately following Worship.

Please make every effort to attend.
We hope to see you there.

It's Christmas Everywhere!

Sunday, Dec 14th



Plan to support our children and youth who are working hard on this year's Christmas Pageant.

The program will be immediately following the Christmas Fellowship Dinner,

Danville Youth Connection

Danville Youth Connection spent a Sunday making a difference! Our group went trick-or-treating in two neighborhoods—collecting cans and non-perishable items instead of candy. The youth had an amazing time connecting with the community, and thanks to everyone's generosity, we filled four full carts with food donations!



Join us for Southern Lights

We invite you to experience the magic of Southern Lights at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington on December 5th. We will leave the Church at 6pm. Please reserve your spot by signing up at the Welcome Center.

Don't miss out on this festive evening filled with beautiful light displays and holiday cheer!



Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday— Friday

8:00 a.m.— Noon & 1:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

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2025 Holiday Schedule

Dec. 01 Advent Luncheon & Devotional @ Noon

Dec. 02 Boyle County Middle School
Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 05 Southern Lights at Kentucky Horse Park @
6:00 p.m. .

Dec. 07 Second Sunday of Advent: Sunday School &
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 07 Annual Congregation Meeting @ Noon

Dec. 07 Elder's Devotional Communion Service at
Parkview Assisted Living @ 2 p.m.

Dec. 07 Danville Children's Choir Christmas Concert
@ 3:00 p.m.

Dec. 08 Advent Luncheon & Devotional @ Noon

Dec. 12 Sounding Joy Community Choir Christmas
Concert @ 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent: Sunday School &
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 14 First Christian Children and Youth Dinner
Program @ Noon

Dec. 15 Advent Luncheon & Devotional @ Noon

Dec. 17 Packing Community Christmas Food Boxes @
Noon

Dec. 18 Distribute Community Christmas Food Boxes
from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 Boyle County High School Christmas Concert
@ 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent: Sunday School &
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 21 Christmas Caroling @ 3:00 p.m.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Candlelight
Communion @ 7:00 p.m.



Danville Sings!

Did you know that there are 4 choirs under the umbrella of Danville Sings? Sounding Joy Women's Chorus, Resonance Men's Chorus, Summer Singers Chorus and The Danville Children's Choir

Three of the choirs will be performing their Winter Concerts at FCC this December! We hope you will join us for these **free** community performances.

Danville Children's Choir

Sunday, Dec 7th at 3pm Directed by Patti Wright

Sounding Joy and Resonance Choirs

Friday, Dec 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Directed by Barbara Hall

Bell ringing for Salvation Army

Join us in supporting our community

by ringing the bell for Salvation Army!



We will be ringing at Kroger on December 11th and December 17th from 10a-8p.

Sign– up for a time slot in the Narthex. This is a wonderful way to give back and spread joy during the holiday season. Thank you for your support!

Any questions or concerns, please contact Linda Dachenhaus at 419-260-0618



Angel Tree tags are on the tree! Purchase whatever you feel comfortable with from the suggestions on the tag. If you purchase a toy, they will be incorporated into the Toy Store. Fill out the sign– up sheet and grab a bag to hold your gifts. Please return your tag and gifts in the bag to the Salvation Army's office by December 10th.

The Angel Tree Toy Store will again be open this year for parents to shop for their children. If you'd like to purchase toys (games, puzzles, Legos, dolls, a bike ect.) for the store , a list of wants and needs is available in the Narthex. Please return any items to the Salvation Army's by December 10th as well.

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

Gary Gibson
John Taylor Ross
Jan Sheffield
Bill Morgan
Darell Rickmers
Lauren Newman
Wanda Huffman
Mary Sebring
Mary Lou Withers
Jim Routin
Janet Henson
Bonnie Traschel
Butch Pass
David & Nancy Robertson
Mindy Carter

Barb Webie
Ben Guerrant
Lucille Lemmon
Johnetta Gibson
Patsy McClure
Ann Pennington

Remember our Shut-ins

Martha Akin
Pat & Steve Bruce
Mindy Carter
Hugh & Mary Jo
Coomer

Lucille Lemmon
Bonnie Wilson
Georgianne Smith
Johnetta Gibson



December Worship Roster

December 7

Worship Leader– Evelyn Guerrant
Elder– John Funkhouser
Elder & Counter– Kendra Funkhouser
Children's Chat– Kendra Funkhouser
Worship & Wonder– Linda Dachenhaus/Sueann Rice
Children's Church– Kendra Funkhouser/Patti
Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric
Kid's Club Asst.-Martha Bryant
Kid's Club Lunch– Patti
Parkview– Julie Jones
Greeters– Becky Whited and Edna Prall

December 14

Worship Leader– John Funkhouser
Elder– Julie Jones
Elder & Counter– Evelyn Guerrant
Children's Chat– Jacob Cooper
Worship & Wonder– Rehearsal for program
Children's Church– Rehearsal for program
Nursery Volunteer– Edna Prall
Lunch– Christmas Dinner/Children & Youth Christmas Program
Greeters– Terry and Linda Dachenhaus

December 21

Worship Leader– Bart Gover
Elder– Elmer Jackson
Elder & Counter– Suzi Jackson
Children's Chat– Debbie Baker
Worship/Wonder– Kandi Williams/Jenna Walker
Children's Church– Penny Vaught/Patti
Nursery – Kris Hamlin
Kid's Club - Christmas Party
Shut-In Comm.– Larry and Jan Scott
Greeters– Evelyn Guerrant and Woody Leavell

December 28

Worship Leader– Jacob Cooper
Elder– Doug McMurry
Elder & Counter– Nancy McMurry
Children's Chat– Rev. Colby
Worship/Wonder– Combine with Children's Church
Children's Church– Patricia Calvert/Stephen
Nursery– Trista Hinkle
No Kid's Club-Christmas Break
Greeters– Susan Hensley and Youth

Even MORE Cans for Others



924 cans were donated during November, which gives a total of **1994**. We've officially surpassed last years total of **1,421**. Let's keep the momentum going and continue bringing cans to support our community!



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Join us for our Community Advent Luncheon Series

Speakers

Monday, Dec 1st-Tom Huckleberry

Monday, Dec 8th-Elmer Jackson

Monday, Dec 15th-Rev Micki McHugh

Noon

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