

Welcome to First Christian Church!

THE PRELUDE Mrs. Cheryl Eberhart,
Organist

Pianist Mrs. Leah Reynard,
Worship Mr. Alex Davidson, Associate Minister of Youth &

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Ed Eberhart, Senior
Minister

*OPENING PRAISE SONG ***“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!”*** (words on screen)

*OPENING PRAYER
Followed by the Lord’s Prayer (using “sins”) and the Gloria Patri (words on screen)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE By Alex Davidson
Followed by dismissal to Children’s Church (ages 5-8) and Junior Church (ages 9-12)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION SONG ***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*** #92 (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

THE LORD’S SUPPER
This is a time of remembering Jesus’ sacrificial death on the Cross for each one of us. As the bread and cup are passed through the pews, take the element and hold it in your hand until the Elders direct us to share together. All followers of Jesus Christ are welcome to partake.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
If you are a visitor today, please do not feel obligated to give. Instead, we hope that we can offer something of value to you this morning. We thank you for being our guest!

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC ***“Oh, What a Glorious Night”*** by *“Two or More”*

SCRIPTURE LESSON & MESSAGE By Pastor Ed Eberhart

THE INVITATION & OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND
If you desire to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, to recommit your life to Him, to transfer membership to this local congregation of the Christian Church, or to receive the counsel or prayers of the church, please come forward and stand with the Pastor during the closing song.

*CLOSING SONG ***“Noel”*** (words on screen)

*CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE ***“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*** #187 (First verse only)

Announcements

***TODAY IS OUR 5th ANNUAL “Family & Friends Day”** at First Christian! We welcome all guests and pray that you are blessed by being here with us today! Please join us for our **Congregational Christmas Luncheon** immediately following this morning’s worship service.

THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Church Board will be held ***tonight at 6:00pm.

***JOIN US WEDNESDAY** for **“Family Night @ the Church!”** Dinner will be served at 6:30pm, followed by Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study at 7:00pm

***ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TODAY!** You can choose from red, pink, and white flowers. The beautiful poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary this Christmas!

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOOKS** for our 8th annual **“Books for Children” Christmas outreach.** Please bring any new, Christian children’s books and place in the box in the Entry. ***Lots of books are needed, so please support this worthy outreach ministry!

TODAY @ FCC...

***Congregational Christmas Luncheon,** immediately following morning worship service

***ROOTS Youth Group** (grades 3-6) will meet, 2:00pm

***Christmas Program musical practice** for youth, 3:00-5:00pm

“SOLD OUT” Youth Group (grades 7-12) will meet, 5pm

THIS WEEK @ FCC...

Monday, December 10- Bible Discussion Group will meet, 11:00am

Tuesday, December 11- C.W.F. Christmas Party at the home of Debbie Lucas, 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 12- **“Family Night @ the Church!”**

-Choir Practice, 6:00pm

-Dinner (baked ravioli, tossed salad, & garlic bread) will be served in the NLC, 6:30pm

-Worship, Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth Programming, 7:00-8:15pm

Thursday, December 13- “5 Loaves Food Ministry” bagging session, 6:30pm

Thursday, December 13- ***“What Now?”*** (young adults) meet at the Parsonage, 8:00pm

Saturday, December 15- “5 Loaves Food Ministry” monthly **Food Give-Away and Free**

Community Luncheon, 11:00-12:30pm (Lunch served at 11:30)

UPCOMING EVENTS @ FCC...

Next Sunday, December 16- Youth Christmas Program, 6:00pm

Monday, December 24- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 9:00pm

Sunday, December 9, 2018

***WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!** If you are visiting with us today, we hope that you feel welcomed and will soon join us again! **All visitors are invited to take home a blue "welcome bag" from the back of the sanctuary as you leave this morning!**

Serving the Lord in our worship this morning

- *Welcome Greeters: Vallas Carpenter / Alan and Tracy Amos
- *Elders: Mike Lucas and Don Eberhart (Calling Elder: Mike Lucas)
- *Deacons: Earl Gossett, John Gustina, David Stewart, Chad Wharton, and Levi West
- *Deaconesses for December: Jill Crosier and Carol Baker
- *Junior Church Leader: Kasey Wharton
- *Children's Church Teacher: Holly Davidson
- *Head Nursery Volunteer: Sharon Gustina
- *Sound/Video Technician: Kylie Ramsay

"Spiritual Statistics" for the Week of December 2, 2018

Sunday School Attendance: 28 Sunday Morning Worship Attendance: 129

General Offering: \$6,486.00 Building Fund Balance: \$9,646.23

"Family Night @ the Church" (Wednesday) Attendance: 43

Our Prayer List

[To add a name, please submit in writing to Pastor Ed or call the church office]

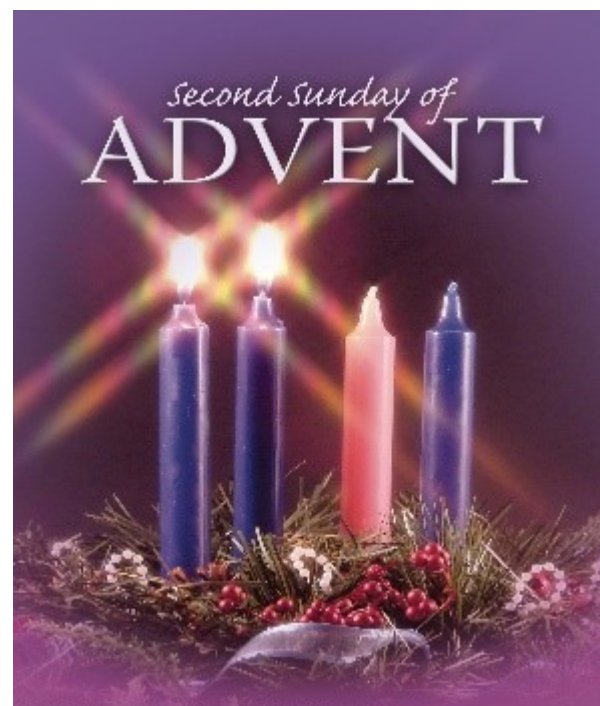
Dorothy Whitsell, Harriet Carvin, Tom Eberhart-nursing home; Easton Stephen-continued lung development; Martha Dietrich-brain cancer; Clayton Temple-cancer; John Kurtz-lungs/bleeding; Lucas Robb-sarcoidosis; Melissa Crum-chronic pain; Don Wilson-cancer; Helen Boswell-cancer; Don Ward-cancer; Kevin Wehr-cancer; Autumn Wehr-brain cancer; Mary Diegmiller-cancer; Emma Giffin-cancer; Kay Allison-pancreas; George Porter-leukemia; Bob Ashway-kidneys; Becky Bernardo-cancer; Victoria Hayes-mental health; Alida Martin-cancer; Lois Naegle-cancer; Kent Moore; Beth McGee-liver; Ashley Campbell-breast cancer; Vicky Dixon-breast cancer; Adrienne Burkhart-cancer; Don Eberhart-prostate; Paula Harrington-heart valve; Don Stephens-cancer; Sarah Noling-surgery; Margaret Wells-cancer; Angie Fisher-thyroid; Ron Gammell-cancer; Dave Wilt-weakness; Bonnie Williams-cancer; Amy Porter-neuralgia; Chris Paluck-cancer; Clinton DeWitt-kidney; Karen Chappell-unspoken; Amy Caldwell-back; Rita Donahue-triple bypass; Cassie Pettit-brain surgery; Jeff Wise family-deployment; Shirley Chappell-knee surgery; Melissa Clegg-cancer; Sue Whipple-recovery; John Hickenbottom-surgery recovery/heart; Patty Burcher-broken arm; Diann Jordan-chronic neck pain

About First Christian Church of Barnesville

Organized in 1842, the First Christian Church of Barnesville, Ohio, is part of the Restoration Movement of the early 19th century. As an independent, non-denominational, and self-

governing congregation, the church is part of the brotherhood of independent Christian Churches and churches of Christ (Instrumental). Our authority (in both doctrine and practice) is the Holy Bible, which we believe to be God's infallible message for all humankind. In the pattern of the New Testament Church, the Lord's Supper is a central part of each Sunday's worship service with all Christians being welcome to participate. New members are recognized upon their confession of faith in Jesus Christ as personal Lord and savior and a believer's baptism by immersion. For more information about our church, contact the church office weekday mornings at 740-425-2480, call Pastor Ed Eberhart at 740-310-4138, or visit us online at www.fccbarnesville.org.

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The Lord's Day
Sunday, December 9, 2018

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