

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Minneapolis
A Welcoming Community of Faith in the Heart of the Twin Cities:
Come to a place where you can explore, be curious, and ask questions.
Sunday, December 1, 2024

We Set Off

Gathering Music: Tim O'Grady – *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* – J.S. Bach (arr. Leonard Borwick)

Welcome, Announcements: Rev. Caila Rinker

Prelude: Kristen Diederichs, oboe – *Coventry Carol* – (arr. Daniel Kelley)

Light for the Journey

Confession: Rev. Caila Rinker

Theme Song: *We're On Our Way* – Chuck Bell, Marcia McFee

Advent Candle: Jennifer Stockdale, KC Helmeid

Words of Assurance: Rev. Caila Rinker

Opening Hymn: *Come, O Long Expected Jesus*, CH #125

The Place and Its Message

Children's Time: Deb Murphy, Chelsea Boyden. Song: *Little Donkey*

Guided by Prayer: Rev. Dan Adolphson
Joys and Concerns, Lord's Prayer

The Word in Music: Choir with Kristen Diederichs, oboe – *Come, Messiah* – Lloyd Larson

Scripture: Rev. Caila Rinker – Luke 2: 1-3

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Laurie Pound Feille – *A Place of Longing*

Reflection Time: Kristen Diederichs, oboe – *The Holly and The Ivy* – (arr. Daniel Kelley)

What We See Changes Us

Gifts Along the Way

Offering Invitation: Martha Harris, Elder

Special Music: Katie McGannon – *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* – (arr. Patrick Liebergen)

Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Communion Invitation: Chelsea Boyden, Elder

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Communion: *Hope of the World*, CH #538, v. 1-2

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Partaking of Communion

Music for Meditation: Tim O'Grady – *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* – (arr. John Carter)

Moving On

A Proclamation: Chelsea Boyden

Closing Hymn: *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*, CH #129

Closing Words: Rev. Dan Adolphson

Benediction: Rev. Dr. Laurie Pound Feille

Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* – Phillips Brooks, Lewis Redner

Postlude: Kristen Diederichs, oboe – *Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella* – (arr. Daniel Kelley)

As always, our thanks to technicians Melinda Nickerson, Mike Cackoski and Mark Carlson.
Thank you to our pianist, Tim O'Grady; Soloist Katie McGannon;
Guest musician, Kristen Diederichs, oboe; Readers Jennifer Stockdale and KC Helmeid;
Worship Leader Rev. Caila Rinker; Children's Moment Leaders Deb Murphy, Chelsea Boyden;
Section Leaders Dr. Caroline Povolny, Jonathan Sill, Tyler Frankhouse and Katie McGannon;
Elders Martha Harris and Chelsea Boyden; and Deacons Elaine Tucker, Ben Tucker and Darren
Armstrong, online. Thank you all for sharing your gifts!

Announcements & Calendar

Please let us know you are worshipping with us by filling out the online worship attendance form (link is in the Livestream chat, and on the front page of our website, www.fccmpls.org)

Communion is offered to everyone. No matter where you are on life's journey, ALL are welcome. If you are worshipping with us online, please use whatever you have available to partake of communion from wherever you are watching. Take a picture and send it to Pastor Dan ;-). If you are with us in person, please come forward to receive communion when invited by the Deacons. If you are unable to come forward, please stay seated and the Deacons will come to you. We use gluten free wafers and grape juice.

Children: coloring pages and other activities are available on the home page of our website fccmpls.org. If you have joined us on-site, join us at the Kid's Table.

Coffee with the Pastors: Join the pastors, members and friends for a Zoom gathering at 9 am Wednesday and Saturday of this coming week. **Zoom Happy Hour** this week is on Tuesday and Thursday at 5 pm. The Zoom links for these gatherings are sent out in an e-blast on Sundays and mid-week. They are also available on our Facebook page and website.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 1

9 am – Choir Rehearsals @ SHMC South Sanctuary

9 am – 12:30 pm – SpringHouse Youth Room Open Hours @ [SHMC Youth Room](#)

10 -10:25 am – SpringHouse Youth Group activities @ [SHMC Youth Room](#)

10:30 am – Worship (In-person & livestream on YouTube)

Children's Table activities can be found on the home page of our website: www.fccmpls.org

Coffee Fellowship after service @ Gathering Space

Monday, December 2

7 pm – Women's Fellowship @ Online

Tuesday, December 3

5 pm – Happy Hour with the Pastors @ [FCC Zoom channel](#)

Wednesday, December 4

9 am – Coffee Hour with the Pastors @ [FCC Zoom channel](#)

6:30pm – Advent Holden Evening Prayer @ Online, TBA

7 pm – Elders @ [FCC Zoom channel](#)

Thursday, December 5

12 pm – Mission & Outreach @ [FCC Zoom channel](#)

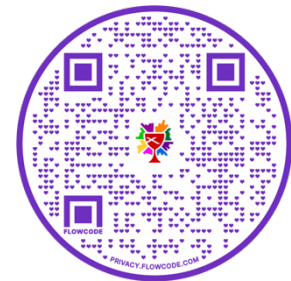
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Saturday, December 7

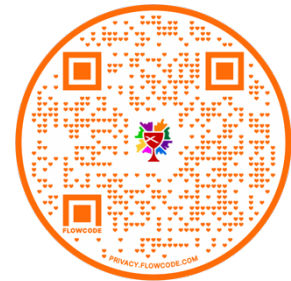
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9 am to 4pm – Cookies, Chrismos, Compassion @ Gathering Space

10 am – Grief Support Group @ Plymouth Congregational



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