

## Closing Sentences

May our God whose purposes include our living as true brothers and sisters, and whose way of life is love, direct our minds and deeds always. Amen.

Piano Postlude      “*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*”      Mrs. Jennings



The Mission Candle is lit by  
**Christian Women's Fellowship**  
in Memory of Ann Loftin.

## COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 8  
Elder Meeting, Gathering Hall      6:00 PM

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(912 W. Walnut)

# An Order of Service for In Home Christian Worship

## Second Sunday of Advent



## First Christian Church

*a congregation of the Disciples of Christ*

December 6, 2020

## Attending to God

Pastor Arnold Nelson

Therefore Beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Piano Prelude

“Carol Medley”

Patty Jennings

## The Word of God

Vocal Solo

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Rita O’Kelley

Emmanuel,  
Emmanuel,  
His name is called  
Emmanuel.  
God with us,  
revealed in us,  
His name is called  
Emmanuel.

## The Advent Wreath

Lighting of the Advent Wreath,  
the Candle of Peace

Kassie Gilmore

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord. We have heard the promise. God’s Chosen One will soon be among us. We must make ready. “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” The wilderness places of our lives may threaten to overwhelm us; the wilderness robs us of peace. We easily lose our way. But a second candle adds its light. The candle of wisdom and reparation joins the candle of watchful waiting.

Prayer

Send your Peace-granting Spirit to the wild corners of our hearts. Grant us wisdom and understanding that we will prepare well for the coming of your promised counselor. Amen.

Mark 1:1-18

Zack Schreckengost

Reflections of the Gospel

Pastor Nelson

Prayerful Responses to God

## Pastoral Prayer

Vocal Duet

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Mrs. O’Kelley &

Kevin Zinn

We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
And gladly as thou blesses us, to thee our first-fruits give.  
To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lonely in distress, is angels’ work below.  
The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace – it is a Christ-like thing.  
And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be;  
Whate’er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Words of Institution

For I received from the Lord, that which I also delivered unto you: that the Lord, Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying “Take, Eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this as often as you eat of it in remembrance of me.” In like manner, the Cup after supper saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this Bread and drink this Cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Consecration of the Lord’s Supper

Great God of Heaven and Earth, God of all people in every place, be known in this place. We would present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice to you; and we pray that as the grain once scattered upon the mountains is gathered into one loaf, so your separated children may by your grace, be united in one living spirit of righteousness and peace. As the fruit in the cup came from the fruit of the vine, so may your people continually abide as branches of the True Vine, bringing forth the fruit of good living to your glory and for Christ’s sake. In Christ we pray. Amen.