

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH of STOW**

December 10, 2017 10:45 a.m.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**CHRISTIAN GREETINGS**

Rev. Jonathan Rumburg

**PRELUDE**

Organist

**RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP**

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“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 2

#119

**GATHERING HYMN \***

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

#122

**INVOCATION \***

Mary Ann Wolf, Elder

**SHARING of the PEACE \***

**MESSAGE in MUSIC**

Ian Drews, solo; Chancel Choir

*Mary, Did You Know? ~ Craig Courtney*

**RECOGNIZING our STERLING SILVER SERVANT**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*(Children may go to Junior Church or stay in church today.)*

**GIVING of our TITHES and OFFERINGS**

Stewardship Challenge

Offering Hymn \*

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#46

Prayer of Dedication \*

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 13:24-37, Matthew 5:38-48

**MESSAGE in WORD**

Rev. Rumburg

**Moving from Fads to Foundation**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we*

*also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power*

*and the glory forever. Amen.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

#153

**COMMEMORATION of the LORD’S SUPPER**

*(All who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to share in this commemoration.)*

Call to Communion and Words of Institution Rev. Rumburg

Prayer of Consecration

Elder

**INVITATION HYMN \***

“like a child”

#133

*(If you desire to confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior or to transfer your membership here, please come forward.)*

**BENEDICTION \***

**SENDING HYMN \***

“Joy to the World”

#143

*Congregational Meeting*

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun Dec 10, 2017</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Luncheon honoring Andrea	Disciple Hall
12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Yarn Ministry	Galilee
12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Children's Choirs	Choir Room
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Search for Christ Child	
<b>Mon Dec 11, 2017</b>		
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	Monday Study Group	Library
05:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Library
<b>Tue Dec 12, 2017</b>		
08:00 AM - 08:30 AM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Disciples Hall
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Mary Martha Circle	Galilee
<b>Wed Dec 13, 2017</b>		
07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Joyful Noise	Judea
<b>Thu Dec 14, 2017</b>		
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Dorcas Rebekah Guild	Fellowship Hall
06:00 PM - 07:15 PM	Joy Bells	Judea
07:30 PM - 09:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
08:00 PM - 09:30 PM	AA	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sat Dec 16, 2017</b>		
08:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Breakfast with Santa	Lower Level
<b>Sun Dec 17, 2017</b>		
08:30 AM - 09:30 AM	Early Service	Chapel
08:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Ingathering Sunday	Misc.
09:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Sunday School	Other
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Coffee Fellowship	Library
04:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes	Fellowship Hall

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Jonathan Rumburg  
 DIRECTOR of MUSIC: Charles Kobb  
 DIRECTORS of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for CHILDREN:  
     Richelle Aukeman, Anna Lloyd  
 ORGANIST: Andrea Drews  
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTORS: Andrea Drews, Molly Halpin  
 JOYFUL NOISE DIRECTOR: Barb Eppley  
 OFFICE MANAGER: Kathy Gustafson  
 BUILDING MANAGER: Tony and Sue Falcione  
 TREASURER: Sue Painter  
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Lisa Roseman

**Share your Prayer Request  
by placing in the Prayer Box located in the Gathering area.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Congregational Meeting TODAY**

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following both worship services today. We will vote on the 2018 budget and officers. The proposed budget may be viewed in the church office.

### **Celebrating Our Sterling Silver Servant: Andrea Drews**

Andrea Drews, our gifted and accomplished church organist and accompanist, brings to our worship and church music ministries inspiring and moving gifts and talents week after week. And she has been doing so, here at First Christian Church as our organist and accompanist, for 25 years!

For 25 years, and for her entire life, Andrea has offered herself and her gifts, in service to God, and to all who gather to give praise and worship to God. She has been blessed by God, and in turn she has blessed others. And now we want to honor, thank, and celebrate this Sterling Silver Servant of God!

Today, we will recognize and honor Andrea and her 25 years of service here at FCC Stow during each worship service. Then, following second service, we will have a luncheon celebration for her in Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to be part of these events.

And you are invited to express your individual thanks and appreciation for Andrea's ministry. A card box will be available on Sunday morning to collect such for Andrea.

### **Search for the Christ Child 2017**

**TODAY ~ 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

*Search for the Christ Child* is free, family-friendly, and a beautiful outreach to our community. You'll find flyers in the Gathering Area to help you invite others to join you here.

**Don't keep the Good News to yourself!**

### **Last day to order Poinsettias**

Order forms in Gathering Area

### **Advent Devotionals**

Daily advent devotionals can be delivered right to your email inbox. Go to the Christian Church in Ohio website at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org), and sign up to receive Advent Devotions written by pastors and laity from our region, including our own pastor. We hope these devotions will be a useful resource as you and your family journey through this season of hope, peace, joy, and love.

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

#### **Morning Worship**

One service only at 10:00 a.m.

#### **7:00 p.m. Child-Friendly and Candlelight Worship**

Children will be invited up onto the Chancel to hear the Christmas story in a special way, and receive a fun gift bag from the church.

#### **9:30 p.m. Musical Prelude**

#### **10:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship**

### **Christmas Ingathering**

On December 19, thirty-five to forty families will be visiting our church to pick up the gifts made possible by the generosity of all. They will leave with boxes of food, cookies, fleece blankets and presents. The children get clothes and presents based on their needs and wants. Adults can choose a gift. Coats are available. Our filled purses are popular. Tables are set up with a variety of items for stocking stuffers, necessities and niceties.

Every family gets a box of food and a grocery gift card. (Please take a food list and give generously. December 17 will be the last day to donate food.)

Any questions? See Ann Halpin or any World Outreach member.

### Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be at FCCStow on Saturday, December 16. Linc-worldwide is sponsoring Santa's visit and breakfast. You may choose breakfast at 8-10 or 10:30-12.

Adults \$15.00 Kids \$10.00 2 & under free

Please call or text 330-931-0042 for reservations.

See flyers in Gathering Area.

### Live Nativity at Stow Glen

December 12 4:30 – 8:00 pm

Stow Glen will be remembering the birth of our Lord with a live Nativity in front of their facility. There will be camels, sheep, goats and donkeys as well as the Holy Family and their visitors. Make the time to take your family to this special presentation.

### Bulldog Bags

Mid-December through mid-January, we will be collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please place in bin marked Bulldog Bags. Bulldog Bags support over 500 students in our community and help bridge a gap that would otherwise go untitled. Thank you for your continued support.

### FCC Stow Travel Mug!

Need a great stocking stuffer?! Look no further than our very own Gathering Area and pick up an FCC Stow Travel Mug! These stainless-steel travel mugs will be sure to keep everyone's hot cocoa piping hot all winter long! Just \$10! Get one for every stocking you need to stuff!

## The Second Sunday of Advent

Responsive Call to Worship

*O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ~Isaiah 64*

Leader: Long ago, a voice cried out in the wilderness

**All: Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight the pathways.**

Leader: It was proclaimed that something new was about to happen.

**All: God would come to God's children in a new way!**

Leader: Lord, prepare us to be people of great faith and compassion as we look forward to the wondrous Advent of Your Son.

**All: Lord, open our hearts to receive Your good news in Jesus Christ!**

\*\*\*\**The Advent Candle is lit*\*\*\*\*

Advent Candle Lighting Congregational Response:

#119, vs. 2

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's deep shadows put to flight.*

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

# Search for the Christ Child

A Guided Tour through a Living Nativity

Sunday 10 December 2017

Open from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

(Tours take 15-20 minutes)



First Christian Church of Stow  
3493 Darrow Road

Corner of 59 and 91, across from the SMF Public Library  
Enter church at the lower level, nearest Rt. 59

CHRISTMAS TIME IS  
POINSETTIA TIME!



It is time to order Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for the holiday season. The poinsettias are \$6.00 each. We ask that you leave them on the Chancel until the end of the Christmas Eve services if possible. The poinsettias can be ordered in honor of or in memory of someone special and we will have an insert in the December 24 bulletin with the names of those honored and remembered listed. All orders must be placed by December 10. The order will be given to the greenhouse on December 11. This year we will order RED and MARBLE poinsettias as available. Please fill out the form and return to the office with the money. Thank you!

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## Poinsettia Order

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the \_\_\_\_\_poinsettia(s).

\_\_\_\_\_RED

\_\_\_\_\_Marble