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SERVING THIS WEEK OF January 10

Worship Leader: Kathryn Rutledge
Elders: Eric Reed (bread); John Carden (cup)
Diaconate: Rod Burg, Larry Ellis, Sherri Wagner
 Gail Randall, Phyllis Rogers, Jeanna Montgomery
Balcony: Aaron Meunier, Marissa Meunier, Anne Ingersoll
Preparatory: Judy Bland, Carolee Sellers, Barbara Houck
Front: Dave Kentner
East Door: Joan England
Balcony South: Norma Kentner
Elevator: Jeanna Montgomery
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Bob & Betty Sherwood
Children's Moment: Shannon Reed
Children's Church: Jeanna Montgomery & Jack McKinnon
Soundboard Tech: Chris Dace
Coffee Fellowship Time: John & Char Carden
Acolyte: Brianna Cangro
Hospital Caller: Jan Rockwell
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Leslie Trone

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
 Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
 Tad Goldner,
Children's Minister
 Hannah Goodman,
Nursery Supervisor
 Carol Harmon,
Organist
 Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant
 Paul Huff,
Custodian
 Mia Iliopoulos,
Childrens/Youth Choir Director
 Morgan Ochoa,
Nursery Assistant

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The State of the Church address and dinner has been scheduled for January 24. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. and the State of the Church address will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Membership will host the dinner and will furnish soup, hot dogs, cheese platter, dessert, drinks and table service. If you have not been asked to donate something, please come and enjoy!

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Kelly's Korner

Happy New Year! A little late, I know, but I was away. Thanks to Hannah Fitch who did a wonderful job of filling the pulpit in my stead. I'm glad so many of you enjoyed her words. And thanks to the elders who always take a larger role in the service when I am gone.

This week, we travel past Jesus' youth and hear the story of his baptism as told by Luke's gospel. John the Baptist has been telling people just how special Jesus is, or is going to be, rather. And then we read about the special things that happened during the baptism of Jesus.

Do we consider how special Jesus is? Because of him we know of God's love and grace. By his life, we have an example to follow. From his teachings, we learn to take care of those in need, to not live by the sword, to give to God, to pray, to be humble and to pick up our cross. Jesus reminds us that grace and forgiveness and love is ours from God. He directs us to God with every act and every word. This is why Jesus is special to us.

We are baptized because Jesus was baptized. His baptism is the official beginning of his ministry. So is ours. At his baptism special things occurred and special words were spoken. Even in our own baptisms, I believe we are supposed to hear the same words from God—*This is my son, this is my daughter...as you take your step toward choosing me and my ways I am well-pleased.* It may have a bit of a different tone or meaning or circumstance—we aren't Jesus—but I do believe God is happy when we choose faith. Baptism is special and important for all of us.

Jesus is the center of our faith. He is mightily special to our understanding of faith and living each day for God. As we begin a new year, may we remember how special Jesus is and why we follow him. See you Sunday!

Peace,



Sunday, January 10

Eric Reed opens/closes church

Eric Reed drive(s) the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

5:00 PM Youth Groups

Tuesday, January 11

5:30 PM Pastoral Support

Sunday, January 17

Rod Burg opens/closes church

Rod Burg drive(s) the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

2:00 PM Grand Prairie

4:00 PM Everly House

Elder: Janet Shank

Deacons: Natalie Workman

Rod Burg

5:00 PM Youth Groups

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9	Norma Sims
11	John Carden Anne Ingersoll
12	Betty Landis
17	Dan Reed Marilyn Robinson

Sunday, January 10 Epiphany Sunday

Sermon: Baptized with Water
Scripture: Luke 3:15-22

Lectionary Readings:
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17

Sunday, January 17 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary Readings:
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
I Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

We're Thankful for YOU!

To: All at FCC, CWF, prayers groups, etc:

We are all so thankful for your kindness...cannot put into words what the fellowship has meant to our family.

You are all truly blessed angels. Thank for everything. The prayer shawl is lovely!

Please take care of Dad.

Curt & Denise (Hansen) Anderson



Many thanks to all those who gave of their time during the holiday season to ring the bell for Salvation Army. Our church accepts assignment for four days of ringing. We are so pleased that we have enough support to do this.

Christian Outreach and Action
Committee



BLUE CAMPAIGN

There are an estimated 27,000,000 men, women and children held in bondage world-wide each year. In the US alone, there are over 100,000 U.S. citizen children enslaved in sex trafficking a year, plus another 17,000 foreign nationals. At a \$150,000,000,000 (that's right, billion!) yearly profit, human trafficking is the biggest world-wide money-making illegal business, considered more profitable than drugs or gun sales because the "merchandise" is sold over and over!

What makes this the fastest growing illegal industry? According to Cathy O'Keefe of **Braking Traffik in the Quad Cities**, it is

1. the continual demand for services and
2. the fact that it still is socially acceptable.

We at FCC don't think this is acceptable! The Department of Homeland Security has named January 11 as a national day of awareness of human trafficking. As part of that awareness, its Blue Campaign asks people to WEAR BLUE in remembrance of those who are enslaved **On Sunday, January 10, wear blue to worship and wear blue on Monday, January 11—**to show your solidarity with those needing to be set free.



Volunteers are needed to help run the Children's Church program on Sunday mornings during the worship hour. This program includes the younger elementary-aged youth.

If you would be interested in helping with this program, please see Tad Golder or sign-up on the sheet posted on the Parlor bulletin board.



Knitters & Sewers

All knitters and sewers! - present and wannabes!

Let's meet at Old Dairy on January 12 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and discussion of plans for 2016.

If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, please come and join us.

Questions? Contact Ellen Tingley.



2016 giving envelopes are ready to be picked up!

They are in a box in the parlor; if you need one and there is not a box with your name on it, leave a note for Annetta asking for it. Or call her at 837 6473 and one will be in the box next week for you!



New committees are being formed for 2016 and we need you! We need you to volunteer to serve on a committee, to help carry out the ministry and mission of First Christian Church.

All are welcome and encouraged to serve.. According to the FCC constitution, all deacons and elders should serve on a committee in the church and we would appreciate everyone's service. Many hands on any given committee makes light work for us all.

The Chairs for 2016 are:

Christian Education

Jonelle Schauble

Worship

Char Carden

Property

Dave Kentner

Evangelism

Anne Ingersoll

Christian Outreach & Community Action

Jan Rockwell

Membership

Kim Cunningham

Please consider joining one of the committees and praying for and encouraging the chairs of the Deacons, Elders, Trustees and Personnel. We also need to pray for and encourage the Board Chair.

Thank you.

Reception for Annetta Holt



On Sunday, January 17, First Christian Church will hold a reception in the church parlor following the morning worship service to honor the service and dedication of Annetta Holt, our Administrative Assistant, as we celebrate her retirement after 8 1/2 years.

Please plan to attend. A basket for cards and remembrances will be available in the church parlor before and after the service. Please join us in honoring Annetta as she makes this transition into the next phase of her life.