

November 23, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
211 South Walnut Street  
Crawfordsville IN 47933

# THE PATHFINDER



ADVENT EDITION



## Prepare the way of the Lord! MARK 1:3

1:3

This Advent season, we will be exploring in worship what it means to “prepare.” This is a common theme that is highlighted in the great Advent hymns, scriptures, and worship themes for this time of year. Still, as prevalent as this theme is, underneath it are lingering questions such as: What does it really mean to prepare for the coming of the Christ child when we already know the story and have celebrated this many times over? Is there such a thing as ever being fully prepared for such an event as this? What do we do with two Gospels writers who do not have this story? What does the coming of Christ mean then? These and other questions of faithfully engaged Christians are the heart of what we will be exploring throughout the Advent Season, and are ultimately at the heart of the reason for hope when we prayerfully lean on the Holy Spirit and the Good News to renew us as it’s done for two millennia! I can’t wait to “prepare” with you!



Grace and peace,  
Darla

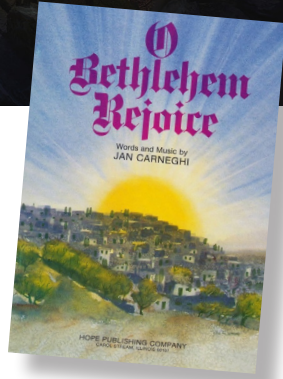


## Prepare(d) Advent Sermon Series

<b>11/26</b> 10:15 am Worship	<b>Prepare(d) for Hope</b> Mark 1:1-8	Rev. Darla Goodrich
<b>12/3</b> 10:15 am Worship	<b>Prepare(d) for Peace</b> Matthew 25:1-13	Rev. Darla Goodrich
<b>12/10</b> 10:15 am Worship	<b>Prepare(d) for Love</b> 1 John 4:7-9, 16-21	Rev. Darla Goodrich
<b>12/12</b> Tuesday at 7 pm	<b>Community Chorus Concert</b> 1 John 4:7-9, 16-21	Hosted at FCC; reception in Fellowship Hall
<b>12/17</b> 10:15 am Worship	<b>Bethlehem Rejoice!</b> Joy Sunday	<b>FCC Christmas Choir Cantata</b> Featuring Randal Turner
<b>12/24</b> 10:15-10:45 am	<b>Christmas Eve Day Communion Service</b>	Christmas Hymns / Scripture / Prayer / Communion
<b>12/24</b> 5:30 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service</b>	Rev. Darla Goodrich Family Friendly Service with Children’s Participation
<b>12/31</b> 10:40 am Worship	<b>New Year Eve Day Ecumenical Service</b>	Rev. Darla Goodrich Hosted at Wabash Ave. Presbyterian Church



Featuring the FCC Choir and Randal Turner, Operatic Baritone



Join the choir for **O Bethlehem Rejoice**—a Christmas cantata that will be performed on Sunday, December 17th at FCC. We still have three rehearsals to go on the following Wednesday nights at 7:15: November 29, December 6, and December 13. Now is the time to get singing! The cantata is 20 minutes long and also features two trumpets and a finger cymbal solo. No experience needed—just come and enjoy making a joyful sound at Advent for our Lord!



## Communion SERVICE

**Dec 24 from 10:15-10:45 am**

Christmas Hymns / Scripture / Prayer / Communion  
All generations welcome / Come as you are  
*No Livestream*



## Candlelight COMMUNION SERVICE

**Dec 24 at 5:30 pm**

Featuring Operatic Baritone Randal Turner



## New Year's Eve Sunday Ecumenical Worship

**Dec 31 at 10:40 am**

At Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church  
Preacher: Rev. Darla Goodrich



The church office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (November 22-24) for Thanksgiving. Pastor Kevin will be on call during this time.

The calendar of events and activities is emailed on the first of each month—but you can also find an updated schedule online at [fccville.org/events](http://fccville.org/events) or call the church office to request a copy.

**Parent's Night Out**



December 2, 2023  
5:00-7:30pm  
Ages 2-High School



Scan for the registration form!

### Parents' Night Out

We are so excited to offer a Christmas party for our FCC children ages 2-high school seniors! This will also be a parent's night out...parents, you get to drop off your children and go enjoy some alone time!

**December 2, 5-7:30 pm.** Kids will be fed dinner and then get to do a craft, watch a video, decorate cookies, make cards for our shut-ins, and so on.

Parents and guardians, you can register your child(ren) online here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcsQCD0ZdAOiH-Q8g1pPswG3krVbq6T8c5TlbBNHwt1B3zvIA/view-form?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcsQCD0ZdAOiH-Q8g1pPswG3krVbq6T8c5TlbBNHwt1B3zvIA/view-form?usp=send_form)

If you do not have access to a computer or internet, we can do a paper registration, just let Pastor Kevin or Tammy Meyers know.

**Calling all other church goers:** Would you be willing to donate some items or your time to help this party happen? We need a few food items and a few volunteers. This SignUp Genius link will show you what is needed: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0544ABA622A5F58-45688594-donations#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0544ABA622A5F58-45688594-donations#/)  
*Thank you for your consideration.*

**The Joy of Christmas**

A concert of carols  
presented by  
*Crawfordsville Community Chorus*

Director Jerry Whipkey  
Accompanist Tom Lowe

Tuesday evening December 12  
7:30 pm

First Christian Church  
Walnut & Wabash

Free concert All ages welcome

### Hats/Gloves/Scarves

BSA Scout Troops 247 & 365 are collecting until **December 3rd**

Look for the barrel in the Narthex. Donations go to Youth Service Bureau, Pam's Promise & Trinity Mission house for men.





## Children Singing in Worship December 10th!

We are excited to share that during the children's moment on December 10th, our amazing youth will be celebrating Jesus' birthday by lifting their voices in song! Each Sunday, after collecting the FISH donations and before attending children's church, the youth will be practicing with Bonnie Yund & Kim Mason. We give thanks to Bonnie & Kim for taking the time to teach our youth to sing for the Advent season!

Please reach out to Bonnie Yund if you have questions about practices.

## Children's Art Show—submit your artwork by Dec. 1!

We would love to encourage our children to share their art with us! We are taking submissions of children's artwork (ages 0 through high school) to be featured in our gallery in December. Attach a sticky note to the submission with the child's name and age. Submissions can be dropped off at the welcome table in the narthex or the church office.

## MULTI-CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

You're invited!

- **Sunday, Nov. 26, 12:30-approximately 2:30pm** at Whitlock Place, 1719 S. Elm Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Whitlock Place provides assisted living for senior citizens. We'll help decorate Whitlock for Christmas. Be ready to trim the tree! Please eat a bit of lunch before you come. We'll provide some sweet treats to fuel your decorating energy. This event is for all youth grades 4-12.
- **Sunday, Dec. 10, 4-6 pm** at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, 307 S. Washington. **Christmas party!** Games, crafts, free pizza/ice cream sundaes, and friends. All youth in preschool through 12th grade are invited. Preschool- 3rd grade kids will have activities separate from the older group. Parents / guardians of preschool-3rd graders are requested to stay onsite and enjoy dinner. Ask Pastor Kevin for additional details.

Jointly sponsored by: First Christian Church, Christ Lutheran Church, and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please email [fcc.comm211@gmail.com](mailto:fcc.comm211@gmail.com) if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update.

Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.



**KAREN VENIS, RYAN & ANDREA VENIS (EMERIE, LIAM & KENAN)** and the whole family on the loss of **GEORGE VENIS**

**MARLENE ELMORE**—receiving hospice care at home

**JOE & PHYLLIS BOSWELL**, and their whole extended family, on the loss of their daughter, **CARRIE SAUNDERS**

**RANDALL GARRETT**—after two rounds of lengthy radiation treatments for cancer of the esophagus, the area has been damaged and Randall will have surgery soon in Indianapolis.

**JERRI STEWART**—recovering from hospitalization

**SHEILA CLARK**—now at home, recovering from hip surgery

**JORDAN TURNER** (Gerry Turner's grandson) and family—recovering from surgery to repair broken bones following a motorcycle accident

**AMY WOODALL**—recovering from surgery

**FRIEDA COSBY**—has recovered from her fall and will be staying at Brookville Healthcare Center

**DALLAS McDONALD**—ongoing cancer treatment

**THOMAS MAY** (Sandy Brown's son-in-law and Lisa Lofland-May's husband)—suffering from Stage 4 Cancer and is taking chemo but is seriously ill. Lisa and Thomas have a 12 year old son, Connor.

**JOHN HOOPER**—ongoing Parkinson's issues

**GAIL MERRIMAN**—just received the wonderful news that her cancer is in remission!

**QUINTON NANNET** and family—Quinton continues to remain in New Zealand, is physically safe, but is facing a lot of uncertainties ahead. Please pray for Quinton's resilience, courage, hope and wisdom, amid the challenges he's facing.

**GERRY TURNER**—health issues

**JACK WYATT**—Rehabilitating at Restoracy of Whitestown

**BETTY CEDARS**—ongoing health concerns

**ALLEN GOFF** (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

**DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)**—treatment for lung cancer

**SANDY & KEN BROWN**—ongoing health concerns

**MATT RYKER** (Ron Yund's friend's son)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

**CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP**

## Pray for our Shut-ins

*Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.*

**BICKFORD: TIM NANNET, ROD GONSO**

**WHITLOCK: CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)**

**HOME: DALLAS McDONALD, NANCY ROGERS, BOB DIXON, PAUL & MARIAN CASS**

**THE LANE HOUSE: BETTY CEDARS**



I can't tell you how much we've appreciated the outpouring of love and support from members of First Christian. We have received so many cards and notes and it has touched our hearts and made us realize how important the FCC congregation still is to us. We will forever be grateful for the expressions of sympathy for our loss of Carrie.

Sincerely,  
*Phyllis Boswell*

# December Calendar



Sat. 12/2 **Parents' Night Out/Youth Advent Night**—5-7:30 pm

Sun. 12/3 **The Wired Word**—9 am  
**Worship** (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich and FCC choir • Advent week 2—10:15 am

Mon. 12/4 **Scouts**—6:30 pm

Wed. 12/6 **WOW**—4:30-7 pm  
**Choir Practice**—7:15 pm

Thurs. 12/7 New Pathfinder newsletter  
**Men's Coffee**—9-10 am  
**Cruisers** (Pizza Hut)—11:30 am

Sat. 12/9 **Crawfordsville Community Chorus** dress rehearsal—8:30 am to noon

Sun. 12/10 **The Wired Word**—9 am  
**Worship** (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich and a special song by our children • Advent week 3—10:15 am

Mon. 12/11 **Scouts**—6:30 pm

Tues. 12/12 **Crawfordsville Community Chorus** concert from 7:30-8:30 pm followed by reception in Fellowship Hall

Wed. 12/13 **WOW**—4:30-7 pm  
**Choir Practice**—7:15 pm

Thurs. 12/14 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am

Sun. 12/17 **The Wired Word**—9 am  
**Worship** w/Rev. Darla Goodrich and FCC choir, in sanctuary or online • Advent week 4 • and **Christmas Cantata** featuring the FCC Choir and Randal Turner, Operatic Baritone—10:15 am

Mon. 12/18 **Scouts**—6:30 pm

Tues. 12/19 **Euchre** (Parlor)—1 pm  
**Coordinating Council** (Parlor)—7 pm  
**Governing Board Meeting**—8 pm

Wed. 12/20 **WOW** is off for Christmas break  
**Choir Practice**—7:15 pm

Thurs. 12/21 New Pathfinder newsletter  
**Men's Coffee**—9-10 am  
**Ladies Lunch Bunch** (Parlor)—pls join us with your prebought or homemade meal & your favorite Christmas memory!!—1 pm

Sun. 12/24 **The Wired Word**—9 am  
**Christmas Eve Morning Communion Service** w/Rev. Darla Goodrich in sanctuary (no livestream)—simple service for all; come as you are—10:15-10:45 am  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** in sanctuary—5:30 pm

Mon. 12/25 **Christmas Day**

Wed. 12/27 **WOW** is off for Christmas break  
**Choir Practice**—7:15 pm

Thurs. 12/28 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am

Sun. 12/31 **The Wired Word**—9 am  
**New Years Eve Sunday Ecumenical Worship:** Combined Service at Wabash Ave. Presbyterian with Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:40 am

**Church office will be closed** from 12/25–1/1 and will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 2.



## December anniversaries

Brad & Linda Weaver	Dec 10
Howard & Darlene Goodrich	Dec 27
Tom & Sharon Keedy	Dec 30

## December birthdays

Andrew Nicodemus	December 1
Kate Lindsay	December 3
Warren Hartman	December 7
Rick Stout	December 7
Dallas McDonald	December 8
Dave Maharry	December 12
Diane McLaughlin	December 12
Dale Petrie	December 12
Marilyn Patton	December 13
Donna Coats	December 14
Keith Strain	December 15
Pat Hooper	December 16
Daniel Petrie	December 16
Nick Reese	December 16
Gerry Coats	December 18
Edward Dowd	December 18
Jenny Hankins	December 18
Beth Lindsay	December 18
Nancy Beach	December 24
John Horner	December 25
Don Lindsay	December 25
Elizabeth Nunan	December 27
Judy Michal	December 29

