

The Communicator

First Christian Church, Russellville, KY December 2023



LARRY'S LINES

How do we respond when we hear the Word preached? Do we just say, "Nice Sermon," "Wasn't that lovely?" or are we challenged to change, to make a major adjustment in our lives, and get in on what God is doing.

Bottom Line: HAVE WE REALLY WORSHIPED IF WE DON'T RESPOND?

I wonder how the shepherds felt after that first Christmas night. They had heard the angels announce the birth of Jesus and then gone and seen Him. And they went back to their work rejoicing. In light of this, I wonder how the shepherds would respond to this question: "Did you have a "Good" Christmas?" I believe they would say, "Yes." But think about that. Were not some of the elements we consider necessary for a "good" Christmas missing?

- **The shepherds were not with family.
- **There were no decorations or bright lights.
- **There were no presents wrapped in pretty paper.
- **There was no snow.
- **And worst of all, there was no Santa.

But I believe that the shepherds had a wonderful Christmas. Why? They had been in the presence of God.

I trust that when December 26 arrives you can say you had a wonderful Christmas because you were in the Presence of God.

Worship each Sunday as we anticipate the Birth of Our Lord. We will highlight these times together on Christmas Eve at 10:45 for a special Christmas Service.

Yours in Christ,
Larry

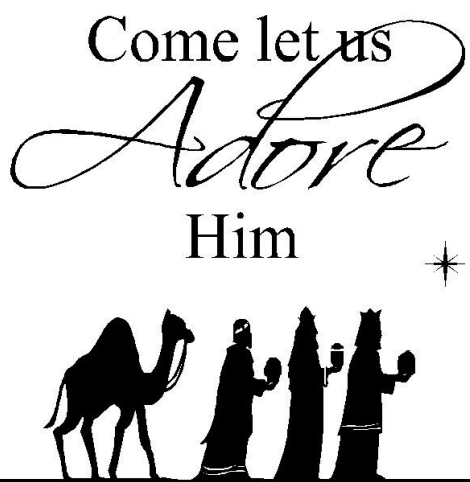




Advent Services: All services at 6:00 pm

Dec. 3 2nd Sunday Methodist Temple Rev. Jim Snyder speaker
 Dec. 10 3rd Sunday First Christian Rev. David Harting speaker
 Dec. 17 4th Sunday Trinity Episcopal Lessons & Carols
 Rev. Michael Vollman presiding

Dec 3 Christmas Fellowship Meal after Services
 Dec 10 Reception after Advent Service
 Dec 24 Special Christmas Eve Service 10:45 am



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Sunday Worship: 10:45 am

Veterans Program, Tuesday Dec 5th 6 pm
 At Fellowship Church of Christ

Serving in December 2023

Elders: Ray Clark, Vickie Kemp
Deacons: Donna Bryan, Addi Gorrell
Worship Leader: Judy Suiter

Prayer Concerns:			
Roger Colston	Nikki Roberts	Ken Mercer	Lauren Riley Stafford
Lori McClure	Rita Stuart	Freddie Wright	Ryan Fuller
Mack Mallory	Betty Johnson	Esther Kees	Mildred Taylor
Donna Bryan	Frankie Smith	Gary Arnold	Scottie Markham
Dann Masden	Paula Clark	Amy Givens	Sally Neeley
Bettye O'Kelley	Pat Basham	Laura Nealy	Dan Robson