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The Root Of Jesse Shall Come

December 7, 2025
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #185 - Away in a Manger

**Passing of the Peace*

Advent Wreath Reading and Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Isaiah the Prophet, chapter 40, verses 1 through 3, 10 and 11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. See, the Lord comes with might, he will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lamb in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Light two purple candles on the Advent wreath,
the candle of hope and the candle of peace.**

Let us pray: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we might greet the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Laboring God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another.

In the holy name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Scripture Text: Romans 15: 1 – 13 (NRSV)

Prayer Hymn - #197 – It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Tammy Ford	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Madison Clark	- Dawson Ploss
- Nancy Justice	- Dustin Decker	- Diana Fleming	

Please Others, Not Yourselfes

15 We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. **2** Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. **3** For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” **4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. **5** May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, **6** so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **8** For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors **9** and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; **10** and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; **11** and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; **12** and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.” **13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Readings - Romans 15: 1 – 13 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*The Root Of Jesse Shall Come*” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #205 - Go Tell It On The Mountains

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

The bread and the cup are distributed together.

Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Hymn of Invitation - #193 - O Come All Ye Faithful

*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended, go into the world, you are the body of Christ.

And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Monday, December 8th

10:00 a.m. - Agape Cookie Boxing

Wednesday, December 10th

6:00 p.m. - Wacky Wednesday-Youth Group

Sunday, December 14th

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 12-1-25	4478.16
Expenses/Payrollx3	2709.96
Weekly Offering (mailed in and mistletoe magic)	150.00
Difference	-2559.96
Ending Balance	1918.20

Announcements:

Week of November 30th - Attendance: 0 (Worship canceled due to snow storm);

Live Stream Views: YouTube Live: 0 Approx. Views: 0 - 0

Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday: will meet December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Meal provided by Dick & Karen Wiseman. Thank you Dick & Karen!

Scripture Readers Needed: Families, Groups or individuals are needed for Advent and Christmas Eve Scripture Readings. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in reading(s).

Memorial Ornaments: The Holiday season can be a difficult time for many. Those who have gone before us are missed. Buying that special gift for that special person in our life can sometimes be hard. Again, this year there is a special opportunity to remember or honor those special people. Help us decorate the tree with a Nativity ornament by donating \$25 per ornament to be placed on the tree in memory or in honor of that special person. The back of the ornament will be personalized and will be available for you to keep at the end of advent. The ornaments will be placed on the church tree once we receive your donation. Names will be listed in the bulletin. Complete the order form, located in the narthex, and get it back to the church office.



Poinsettia's: I am waiting to hear back from Brown's on the pricing. When I hear back, I will send an email with the information and will have the order forms available in the narthex.

Agape: will meet Monday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m. to box cookies for shut-ins. Please bring 3 dozen or more cookies.

First Christian Church Officers for 2026 thru 2028

- Board Chair:** Rick Williams
- Vice Chair:** Connie Blackketter
- Trustees:** Rick Williams, Ote Wood, Craig Jackson
- Elders:** Helen Putman, Rick Williams, Samantha Joslyn, Jim & Dorrie Lefler, Eileen Phegley, Dick Wiseman, Ote Wood, George Cover, Frank Shirer, Barbara Slade
- Deacons:** Cory & Cohen Craig, Kade Ploughe, Miles Robertson, Dave & Mindy Pettet, Steve & Stan Bailey

December Birthdays

- 2 - Trissa Arihood, Cohen Craig, Jessie Kammer
- 3 - Maveryk Kammer
- 6 - Carrie Pierson
- 7 - Dave Pettet
- 9 - Karen Wiseman
- 10 - Katie Nicole
- 15 - Barbara Slade, Noreen Kerns
- 16 - Scott Malone
- 21 - Dennis Saylor
- 22 - Jessica Evers, Abigail Arnold
- 24 - Leisa Donnelly, Saige Mathew
- 27 - Addison Goad, Alice Gaard
- 28 - Ote Wood, Dawson Ploss, Teresa Funke
- 30 - Lisa Lefler-Althoff
- 31 - Christa Malone



January Birthdays

- 3 - Betty Malone-Lintner
- 6 - Robert Hensler
- 7 - Opal Williams, Luke Beehler
- 8 - Logan Parmele
- 9 - RaeAnn Ploughe
- 10 - Jennifer Lindahl, Allison Arnold
- 11 - Kaitlyn Schultz, Donna Wiseman
- 12 - Korbin Ploughe
- 16 - Sharlyn Hensler
- 17 - Alexander Althoff
- 20 - Judy Beehler
- 23 - David Grow
- 24 - George Cover
- 30 - Nolan Hitchcock



December Anniversaries

- 1 - Ryan & Sally Siela - 2007
- 24 - David & Donna Grow - 2009
- 28 - Dana & Samantha Joslyn - 2002

January Anniversaries

- 3 - Chad & Laura Maxwell - 2023
- 3 - Gale & Noreen Kerns - 1968
- 4 - Russell & Donna Wiseman - 1975
- 7 - Jim & Dorrie Lefler - 1967
- 10 - Bob & Sharlyn Hensler - 1970
- 20 - Bob & Sally Wiseman - 1979