

# Welcome to First Christian Church!

THE PRELUDE Mrs. Leah Reynard, Pianist  
Mr. Alex Davidson, Associate Minister of Youth & Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Ed Eberhart, Senior Minister

\*OPENING PRAISE SONG **“How Great Is our God!”** (words on screen)

\*OPENING PRAYER  
*Followed by the Lord’s Prayer (using “sins”) and the Gloria Patri (words on screen)*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE The Crumbaker family

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE By Alex Davidson  
*Followed by dismissal to Children’s Church (ages 5-8) and Junior Church (ages 9-12)*

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION SONG **“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”** (worship video)

THE LORD’S SUPPER  
*This is a time of remembering Jesus’ sacrificial death on the Cross for each one of us. As the bread and cup are passed through the pews, take the element and hold it in your hand until the Elders direct us to share together. All followers of Jesus Christ are welcome to partake.*

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*If you are a visitor today, please do not feel obligated to give. Instead, we hope that we can offer something of value to you this morning. We thank you for being our guest!*

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON & MESSAGE Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bibles, p. 723)  
**“From the Nativity: Mary, the Mother of Jesus”** by Pastor Ed Eberhart

THE INVITATION & OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND  
*If you desire to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, to recommit your life to Him, to transfer membership to this local congregation of the Christian Church, or to receive the counsel or prayers of the church, please come forward and stand with the Pastor during the closing song.*

\*CLOSING SONG **“Standing on the Promises”** #175 (First and last verses only)

\*CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** #187 (First verse only)

\*\*\*\*\*CONGREGATION STANDING\*\*\*\*\*

# Announcements

**\*ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TODAY!** You can choose from red, pink, and white flowers. The beautiful poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary this Christmas!

**\*JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY** for **“Family Night @ the Church!”** Dinner will be served at 6:30pm, followed by Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study (**Christmas study**) at 7:00pm.

**\*OUR 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL “FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY”** is next Sunday, December 9. Please invite someone to come to church with you! **Let’s fill the sanctuary with visitors!**

**\*OUR CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be next Sunday, December 9 following our morning worship service. **Bring a covered-dish to share!**

**\*THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Church Board will be held next Sunday, December 9, at 6:00pm. All Board Members are encouraged to attend! The Elders will meet prior to the Board Meeting in the Prayer Chapel at 4:30pm.

**\*WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOOKS** for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual **“Books for Children” Christmas outreach**. Please bring any new, Christian children’s books and place in the box in the Entry. **Lots of books are needed, so please support this worthy outreach ministry!**

## TODAY @ FCC...

**\*Christmas Program musical practice** for youth, 3:00-5:00pm

**\*Sunday Night Praise**, 6:00pm

## THIS WEEK @ FCC...

Monday, December 3- **Bible Discussion Group** will meet, 11:00am

Tuesday, December 4- **“Taco Tuesday”** for youth at *The Haven* (with Alex), 4:30pm

Wednesday, December 5- **“Family Night @ the Church!”**

-Choir Practice, 6:00pm

-Dinner will be served in the NLC, 6:30pm

-Worship, Prayer, Bible Study (Christmas study), and Youth Programming, 7:00-8:15pm

Thursday, December 6- **“What Now?”** (young adults) meets at the Parsonage, 8:00pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ FCC...

Next Sunday, December 9- **“Family & Friends Day”** and Congregational Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 11- **C.W.F. Christmas Party** at the home of Debbie Lucas, 6:00pm

Sunday, December 16- **Youth Christmas Program**, 6:00pm

Monday, December 24- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**, 9:00pm

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**\*WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!** If you are visiting with us today, we hope that you feel welcomed and will soon join us again! **All visitors are invited to take home a blue "welcome bag" from the back of the sanctuary as you leave this morning!**

**Serving the Lord in our worship this morning**

- \*Welcome Greeters: Vallas Carpenter / Alan and Tracy Amos
- \*Elders: J.B. Holliday and Vallas Carpenter (Calling Elder: J.B. Holliday)
- \*Deacons: John Hanes, Jeff Porter, Jayson Stephen, Paul Stewart, and J.T. Porter
- \*Deaconesses for December: Jill Crosier and Carol Baker
- \*Junior Church Leader: Alex Davidson
- \*Children's Church Teacher: Amanda Hagan
- \*Head Nursery Volunteer: Felicia Comstock
- \*Sound/Video Technician: David Stewart

**"Spiritual Statistics" for the Week of November 25, 2018**

Sunday School Attendance: 32      Sunday Morning Worship Attendance: 144  
General Offering: \$3,162.00      Building Fund Balance: \$21,986.23

**Our Prayer List**

***[To add a name, please submit in writing to Pastor Ed or call the church office]***

Dorothy Whitsell, Harriet Carvin, Tom Eberhart-nursing home; Easton Stephen-continued lung development; Martha Dietrich-brain cancer; Clayton Temple-cancer; John Kurtz-lungs/bleeding; Lucas Robb-sarcoidosis; Melissa Crum-chronic pain; Don Wilson-cancer; Helen Boswell-cancer; Don Ward-cancer; Kevin Wehr-cancer; Autumn Wehr-brain cancer; Mary Diegmiller-cancer; Emma Giffin-cancer; Kay Allison-pancreas; George Porter-leukemia; Bob Ashway-kidneys; Becky Bernardo-cancer; Victoria Hayes-mental health; Alida Martin-cancer; Lois Naegle-cancer; Kent Moore; Beth McGee-liver; Ashley Campbell-breast cancer; Vicky Dixon-breast cancer; Adrienne Burkhart-cancer; Don Eberhart-prostate; Paula Harrington-heart valve; Don Stephens-cancer; Sarah Noling-surgery; Margaret Wells-cancer; Angie Fisher-thyroid; Ron Gammell-cancer; Dave Wilt-weakness; Bonnie Williams-cancer; Amy Porter-neuralgia; Chris Paluck-cancer; Clinton DeWitt-kidney; Karen Chappell-unspoken; Amy Caldwell-back; Rita Donahue-triple bypass; Cassie Pettit-brain surgery; Jeff Wise family-deployment; Shirley Chappell-knee surgery; Melissa Clegg-cancer; Sue Whipple-recovery; John Hickenbottom-surgery recovery; Patty Burcher-broken arm

**About First Christian Church of Barnesville**

Organized in 1842, the First Christian Church of Barnesville, Ohio, is part of the Restoration Movement of the early 19th century. As an independent, non-denominational, and self-governing congregation, the church is part of the brotherhood of independent Christian Churches and churches of Christ (Instrumental). Our authority (in both doctrine and practice) is the Holy Bible, which we believe to be God's infallible message for all humankind. In the pattern of the New Testament Church, the Lord's Supper is a central part of each Sunday's worship service with all Christians being welcome to participate. New members are recognized upon their confession of faith in Jesus Christ as personal Lord and savior and a believer's baptism by immersion. For more information about our church, contact the church office weekday mornings at 740-425-2480, call Pastor Ed Eberhart at 740-310-4138, or visit us online at [www.fccbarnesville.org](http://www.fccbarnesville.org).

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***The Lord's Day***  
***Sunday, December 2, 2018***

*Adult Bible Classes & Youth Sunday School – 9:15 A.M.*

*Morning Worship Service – 10:30 A.M.*

*"SOLD-OUT" Youth Group (grades 7-12) – 4:00 P.M.*

*Monday Bible Discussion – 11:00 A.M.*

*Wednesday "Family Night @ the Church" – 6:30-8:15 P.M.*

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