

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

(Disciples of Christ)

January 04, 2026

10:50 am



John 1:1-14



Welcome to First Christian Church

We pray that through this hour together
all of us might be strengthened in our Christian faith.

We hope that you will come and worship with us again!

"Behold my servant, whom I uphold... he will bring forth justice." (Isa. 42.1)

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Tolling of the Bells

Corinne Knorr

Prelude

"Worship Christ, The New Born King"
by Lloyd Larson

Jan Shelton, pianist

Joys and Concerns

Tom Plumbley

Bringing the Light of God: Acolytes Process

Jan Shelton, pianist

*Call to Worship

[adapted]

Tom Plumbley

One: Blessed are those who give themselves over to God, who turned their backs on the artifice of this world.

Many: For you, O God, are not impressed by what we can do for you. You are not interested in religious platitudes. But listening ears and open hearts are the offering you seek. So, we tell of you to everyone we know.

*Hymn of Praise

"We Three Kings"

#172, (Refrain after 1 & 5 only)

Soloists, Stanza 2: Jamie Carper; 3: Michael Raines, 4: Larry Robbins

Three Kings: Chet Atkins, Aaron Keller, John Billingsly

The Consecration of Servants

Statement of Purpose

The Presentation and Charge of Officers of the Board

The Presentation and Charge of Elders

The Presentation and Charge of Deacons

The Installation Covenant

The Prayer of Consecration

The Pastoral Prayer and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Stewardship Meditation

Jeri Lewis



Much appreciation to Jan Shelton as pianist and Jeri Lewis for leading our Chancel Choir, while our Minister of Music is on vacation.

****Congregation Standing (if able)***

The Offertory Anthem

"The Jesus Gift"

Words and Music by Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir

Led by Jeri Lewis

*"Shall I gather emeralds? Shall I bring him gold? Shall I gather diamonds? White hard? Bright cold?
Shall I spangle jewels like stars above? Give him laughter, Simple warm laughter.
Offer him warm laughter and love- Simplest of gifts; gentlest of hearts; Kindness he'll use as he leads
So, give him these gifts; hand him your hearts. Honor his birth, and you'll need no:
Emeralds nor rubies. Silver nor gold, neither bright diamonds, white hard, bright cold;
Spangle not rich jewels like stars above. Give him laughter; Sweet, peace-filled laughter.
Offer him warm laughter and love."*

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeri Lewis

Communion Hymn

"As with Gladness"

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Words of Institution

Tom Plumbley

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup

Jeri Lewis

Communion Music

"Still, Still, Still"

Jan Shelton, pianist

by Lennon D. Renfrow

Call for the Children

"Jesus Loves Me" (Chorus)

The Children's Time

Tom Plumbley

The Call to Hear Scripture

One: Hear a Word from the Lord.

Many: Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

*The Gospel

John 1:1-14

NT. Pg.91

Sermon

"Chronic Anxiety and Us"

Tom Plumbley

*Invitation Hymn

"The First Noel"

No. 151, Stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 5

Benediction

Tom Plumbley

Postlude

"See Amid the Winters Snow/Oh Come Let Us Adore Him"

Jan Shelton, pianist

by Lloyd Larson



Prayer Requests

Adrian Park
George Brady
the family of Mikel McNew



MINISTERIAL STAFF

Tom Plumbley	Senior Minister
Keith Critcher	Minister of Music
Jan Shelton	Director of Music for Children & Youth
Mary Mason	Director of Burnside Handbell Choir

REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS:

Adult Sunday School - Faith Keepers meet in the Philathea Room - 9:30 am

Loyal Fellowship meet in Anderson Hall - 9:30 am

Children's Sunday School - Disciple Road Classrooms

Crossroads Kids Age 3 to Kindergarten - 9:30 am - *Lesson: David and the Giant*

Youth Sunday School after The Children's Moment in Worship Service:

Group A: 1st - 5th grade - *Study: Feeding of the 5,000*

Group B: 6th - 12th grade - *Study: Feeding of the 5,000*

Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 10:15 am

Junior Choir - Kinder - 2nd grade - 9:45 - 10:15

Choristers - 3rd - 9th grade - 10:15 - 10:45

Cherub Choir - Preschool - 11:30 - 12:00

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Noon - 2:30 pm in Anderson Hall

(1st Sunday of the month) Elders Meeting in the Philathea Room - 8:45 am

TODAY: January 04 - Installation of Officers

LOOKING AHEAD

January 10 - Men's Breakfast

McNew Memorial Service

January 11 - Tom Plumbley Last Worship Service

Retirement Reception in Anderson Hall

January 18 - Board Meeting

Hearing assistance and large print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Tapes or manuscripts of today's sermon are available by calling the church office.

Nursery is provided downstairs near the Taylor Street entrance. Infants - Kindergarten.

Children remaining in worship, activity bags are available at the back of the sanctuary.



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All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 Opt. Solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 Opt. Solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 Opt. Solo: 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; Christ and

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 3. owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4. life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5. God and sac - ri - fice: al - le - lu - ia,

1. moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2. ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 3. voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 4. bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5. al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,
 west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.



As with Gladness

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1. As with glad-ness sag - es bold did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man- ger bed,
3. As they of- fered gifts most rare at the man- ger plain and bare,

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore One whom heaven and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,

so, true Morn- ing Star, may we ev - er-more your splen- dor see.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
all our cost- liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1861, alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

DIX

77.77.77

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing
 3. And by the light of that same star three
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, full



1. cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 2. in the east, be - yond them far, and to the
 3. wise men came from coun - try far; to seek for a
 4. Beth - le - hem it took its rest, and there it
 5. rev - erent - ly up - on their knee, and of - fered

1. they lay keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's
 2. earth it gave great light, and so it con -
 3. king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the
 4. did both stop and stay, right ov - er the
 5. there, in his pres - ence, their gold and

No - el, No - el, No -

Refrain

1. night that was so deep. No - el, No - el, No -
 2. tin - ued both day and night. No - el, No - el, No -
 3. star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 4. place where Je - sus lay. No - el, No - el, No -
 5. myrrh and frank - in - cense. No - el, No - el, No -

el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.
 el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.