



# FORT SMITH DISCIPL

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## Psalm for the First Sunday of Advent

I offer my life to you, Lord. My God, I trust you. Please don't let me be put to shame! Don't let my enemies rejoice over me! For that matter, don't let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame; instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame. Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—because you are the God who saves me. I put my hope in you all day long. Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love—they are forever! But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing. Remember me only according to your faithful love or the sake of your goodness, Lord. The Lord is good and does the right thing; he teaches sinners which way they should go. God guides the weak to justice, teaching them his way. All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws. **Psalm 25:1-10**

This will be our scripture reading as we remember God's mercy for the first Sunday of Advent.

## Interfaith Christmas for the Siblings

We are still in need of 12 gifts for the Interfaith Siblings Gifts. Come by the office or get an angel on Sunday so that we can support the children at Interfaith. The gifts are needed back at the church on **December 5**.

On Sunday, **December 12**, we will have poinsettias adorning our sanctuary. You can reserve one "In Honor of..." or "In Memory of..." with your payment of \$10.

Your cash / check reserves your poinsettia. Use the small brown envelopes in the pew pockets, or drop your check off in the church office. Please be sure to write out **for whom** and **from whom** the poinsettia is ordered. **December 6** is the last day to order. You can also give \$10 in lieu of a flower.

**Order forms will be in the bulletins on November 28 and December 5.**

## Local Business Shopping List

Call, email, or come by the office to share your favorite local businesses. Whether they're owned by you, a friend, or just a place that you like; it is important that we support Fort Smith over a giant chain this Christmas. We are collecting the list and will send it out in the following weeks.

- Sunshine & Oak (Gifts and accessories) at Brick City, 3215 S 74<sup>th</sup> St.

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, November 28, 11:00 pm:** Elders Meeting
- **Sunday, November 28, 4:00 pm:** Disciples Bells
- **Tuesday, November 30, 11:30 am:** Lunch Bunch at La Mesa, 1217 S Waldron Rd R
- **Wednesday, December 1, 10:00 am:** Prime Time Bells
- **Wednesday, December 1, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm:** Bible Discussion Group
- **Saturday, December 4, 8:00 am:** Meet at the church, board the van, and head off to gather the greens.
- **Saturday, December 4, 1:00 pm:** Meet at the church to prepare the greens.
- **Tuesday, December 7, 5:30 pm:** Christmas in the Park

### Hope Campus Homeless Shelter News

FCC will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus on **Monday, December 13**, from 9:30-12:30. If you have any questions, call the church office.

Hope Campus has requested NEW socks and underwear for men and women and also belts that are in good condition. There are containers for these items in the Narthex and in the Church Office.

### Prayer Concerns

- ◆ Lesley Fleming
- ◆ Tije Mussett
- ◆ Mary Nelle Hales
- ◆ John Foster
- ◆ Charolette Tidwell

### Thank You

Dear First Christian members,  
My brother, Jeff Harris, and I want to thank all of you for the cards, prayers, calls, meals and flowers you sent our way during Dad’s hospital and Hospice stay. Dad loved our church and enjoyed each time he was there. Thank you for sharing your love with him.

**Alexander & Harris families**

**MEMORIAL:** We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

- In Memory of **Bob Harris** by Maureen Moyle

### Community Outreach Project

We will be collecting donations for the Next Step Day Room (whose mission is to assist the homeless) from now through November. There will be a container in the narthex for the specific needs listed below.

**Elizabeth Vaughn, Community Outreach Chair**

**Adult Needs:** gloves, hats, scarves, coats, sweatpants, sweatshirts, hoodies (size L, XL, XXL), men’s jeans (waist 30-34), long-sleeved shirts, sleeping bags. *Items may be used but clean.*

**Other Items:** ChapStick, packets of hand warmers, Sterno

<b>For the Record</b> <b>November 21, 2021</b>		<b>Elder for November</b> Steve Parke—479-783-1892  <b>Greeters for November</b> Floyd & Ginger Hamm
Operating Receipts	\$ 3,457.00	<b>First Christian Church</b> <b>3501 Rogers Avenue</b> <b>Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903</b> Office: (479) 783-1139  <b>Office Hours</b> 9:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Thursday  <b>Service Times</b> Sunday School at 9:00 am Worship at 10:00 am  <b>Church Staff</b>  <b>Rev. Nick Koontz</b> , Senior Minister <b>Dianna Jackson</b> , Director of Music Ministry <b>Barbara Brown</b> , Secretary <b>Pam Shelby</b> , Financial Secretary <b>Randy Alexander</b> , Custodian <b>Lesley Fleming</b> , Nursery Attendant <b>Rev. Howard Marshall</b> , Pastor Emeritus <b>Rev. Randy Jay</b> , Pastor Emeritus
To Date	18,028.00	
Endowment	105.00	
To Date	1,870.00	
Thanksgiving Offering	520.00	
To Date	670.00	
Sanctuary Speakers	8,191.20	
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$25,487.98	
<b>Mission Statement</b> The mission of First Christian Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas is to lift up Jesus the Christ by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling spiritual growth and deepened commitment, both individually and corporately;</li> <li>• Developing a church family/community that is accepting and encouraging;</li> <li>• Serving our community and the world through spiritual, physical, and emotional support; and,</li> <li>• Reaching out in His name to the unchurched in our community.</li> </ul>		
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