

First of All

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at First Church.
Let's worship the Lord together with...

Worship "Shout for Joy (Christmas Version)"

First Family Fellowship

Worship "Angels We Have Heard on High"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

"Away in a Manger"

"Emmanuel"

Prayer "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Offering "Birthday of a King" by Jim Forrester

Message "The Gift of Christmas"

Closing "Silent Night (Stille Nacht)"

First Step

The most important thing that can happen to you
is asking Jesus into your heart. It's as simple as ABC...

Admit that you have sinned

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

Believe that Jesus died for you

"God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

Confess that Jesus is Lord of your life

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in
your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

It is with your heart that you believe and are justified
and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."
Romans 10:9-10

If you followed these steps and asked Jesus into your heart,
please let Pastor Bobby know.

First News

1 "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party & Children's Missions

During Sunday School today, the "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party for children will
be held downstairs. The Children's Mission Class will be held today at 10:00 AM.

2 Year-End Giving

All contributions to First Church need to be dated and postmarked on or before
December 31, 2019, to get giving credit for 2019.

3 Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week,
December 24-25, for Christmas Eve and Christmas and on Wednesday of next
week, January 1, for New Year's Day. No Wednesday evening events will be
held this week or next week, on December 25 and January 1.

4 Items to Pick Up Today

Poinsettias - Check the Poinsettia List in today's bulletin. If you have had a
poinsettia purchased in your honor or if you purchased poinsettias in memory
of someone, you may take your plants with you today.

Christmas Cards - Check the card box in the foyer for cards addressed to you.

Church Directories - Updated church directories are on the Welcome Center.

2020 Calendars & Matching Pens - These are also on the Welcome Center.

5 2020 Prayer and Fasting

Are you poor, brokenhearted or held captive? Join us in January as we proclaim
2020 to be the **Year of the Lord's Favor** through prayer and fasting. Let's trust
God for a breakthrough!

First Impression

We welcome you to First Church! Here are
a few things that we would like you to know
about our Church...

Denomination

The Church of the Nazarene is a holiness
church that shares roots with the Methodist
Church. With over 2.2 million members
worshipping in over 29,000 congregations
in 159 world areas, we are a part of
something much bigger than ourselves.

Worship

It has been said that, "Worship changes
the worshiper into the image of the One
worshipped." To achieve that transformation,
First Church is willing to use everything
from drums to organs and everything in
between.

Youth and Children

"It's a race to the heart of a child and the
first one there wins." First Church is
trying to outrun world influences with
various programs to "train a child up in
the way they should go."

Adults

We are big enough to serve you and
small enough to know you! Whether you
are single or married, working or retired -
there is something for you at First Church.

Missions

We believe that the mission of the church
is Missions. First Church is a going,
sending, praying and paying church so
that the whole world may hear the Good
News of Jesus Christ!

Community

First Church cares for our neighbors. We
want "our light to shine before others, that
they may see your good deeds and glorify
your Father in heaven."

First Serve

Helpers Today:

Greeters: Sue Daniel, Josh & Stephanie Allen

Babies: Mary Alice Spann

Toddlers: Debby Hunsaker

Next Sunday, December 29

Connie Graham, Gary Manion

Jill Woodard

Kathy Hulbert

First Fruits

December Giving

Tithes/Offerings

Faith Promise - Missions

Needed

\$38,183

\$ 5,173

Received

\$18,122

\$1,870

Balance

\$20,061

\$3,303

First Word

December 22, 2019

“The Advent Adventure”



“The Gift of Christmas”

Matthew 1:23

God

In

Flesh

To me

First Glance

Sunday, Dec. 22: 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Gathering
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
9:00 a.m. - Children’s “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Party
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service / Children’s Mission Class

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
Church Office Closed

Wed., Dec. 25: Merry Christmas
Church Office Closed

Sunday, Dec. 29: 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Gathering
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Family Worship Service (No Children’s Church)

First Staff

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**Loving God,
Loving Others,
Loving Little Rock**



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