First of All

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at First Church.

Let's worship the Lord together with...

Worship "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #181

First Family Fellowship

Worship "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus" #157

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #192

"Away in a Manger"

"Emmanuel"

Prayer "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Offering "O Holy Night" - Ladies' Trio

Message "Fundamentals of the Greatest Story Ever Told"

Closing "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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

<u>B</u>elieve 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

<u>C</u>onfess 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 Five

1 Poinsettias & Christmas Cards

Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias in honor or in memory of someone special in your life. Poinsettias may be taken today. Also, be sure to pick up your Christmas cards in the foyer and get a 2019 calendar at the Welcome Center if you haven't picked one up yet.

2 End-of-Year Contributions

To get contribution credit for 2018, all checks and contributions must be dated and postmarked no later than December 31, 2018.

3 Outreach Ministry Response

Thank you for contributing a total of \$1,105 to purchase gift cards for Women & Children First in addition to items donated that filled 10 teen stockings, 20 children's stockings and 10 stockings of baby items. If you would like to contribute to the shelter and haven't done so yet, mark WCF on your offering.

4 Ladies' Bible Study

Starting January 9, the ladies will begin a study on "The God of Creation: A Study of Genesis 1-11" that will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30. The cost of the book is \$13. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer soon.

5 Celebrate Recovery Launch

The Celebrate Recovery First Naz church launch will start in February on Wednesday evenings. A community launch will start in late spring or early summer.

First Serve

<u>Helpers Today:</u> <u>Next Sunday, December 30</u>

Greeters: Sue Daniel, Nick & Tiffany Vano Lynn & Dana Weaks

Babies: Mary Alice Spann Kathleen McComber
Toddlers: Debby Hunsaker, Mary Cait Poole Kathy Hulbert, Tiffany Vano

First FruitsDecember GivingNeededReceivedBalanceTithes/Offerings\$38,183\$25,151\$13,032Faith Promise - Missions\$ 5,173\$2,216\$ 2,957

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 worshiping 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 worshiped." 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 Word

December 23, 2018



"Fundamentals of the Greatest Story Ever Told"

Galatians 4:4-5

I. His <u>pre-existence</u>

II. His divine <u>conception</u>

III. His <u>natural</u> birth

IV. His <u>historical</u> advent

V. His <u>radical</u> action

First Glance

Sunday, Dec. 23: 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service / Family Worship

Monday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 25: Merry Christmas

Church Office Closed

Wed., Dec. 26: No Wednesday Evening Activities

Sunday, Dec. 30: 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service / Family Worship

First Staff

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