### First of All

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

Let's worship the Lord together with...

Worship	"Everlasting God"		
First Family Fellowship			
Worship	"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"		
	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"		
	"The Heart of Worship"		
	"Surely the Presence of the Lord"		
Prayer	"Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"		
Offering	"O Holy Night" by Rick Stein		
Message	"The Forgotten Day of Christmas"		
Closing	"Everlasting God"		

# 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 Year-End Giving

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

# **2** Year End Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed on Wednesday this week, January 1, for New Year's Day. No Wednesday evening events will be held this week.

# **3** Items to Pick Up Today

**Poinsettias** - A list of poinsettia donors and honorees is posted on the bulletin board. 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. There are a few extra poinsettias. If you know of a shutin that would like to have a plant, please take one to them.

**Christmas Cards** - Check the card box in the foyer for cards others have brought for you.

**Church Directories** - Updated church directories are on the Welcome Center. 2020 **Calendars & Matching Pens** - These are also on the Welcome Center.

# **4** News from Shutins

Our shutins are grateful for all of the Christmas cards you've sent and for all the goodies they received in The Edith Christmas Boxes this year. Although many are unable to send Christmas cards, they send their greetings to all. Please continue to keep them in your prayers: Marilyn A., Glenn & Erlene B., Kathy B., Mary D., Al E., Norma G., Ruth H., John & Oza Mae J., LaVerne J., Dottie L., Ruth M., Ray N., Eddie T., and Melvin & Jean W.

# 5 January PT Cruiser Fellowship

Those 55+ are invited to lunch Friday, Jan. 10, at 11:30 at Susan Ross's home.

# First Serve

Helpers Today:Next Sunday, January 5Greeters: Connie Graham, Gary ManionCindy Terrazas, Lynn Weaks

Babies: Jill Woodard Jennifer Raath

Toddlers: Kathy Hulbert Maci Howard, Sharon Vann

First Fruits				
<u>December Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
Tithes/Offerings	\$38,183	\$35,239	\$2,944	
Faith Promise - Missions	\$ <i>5,173</i>	\$2,880	<i>\$2,293</i>	

# 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 29, 2019

# "The Forgotten Day of Christmas"

Luke 2:22-38

I. Jesus' Dedication Ceremony

II. Introducing Simeon & Anna

III. The Consolation of Israel

IV. Looking for <u>Redemption</u>

# First Glance

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)

Tuesday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

New Year's Day Wed., January 1:

Church Office Closed

Sunday, Jan. 5: 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Gathering

> 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service 10:00 a.m. - Children's Church

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