

WELCOME Dr Chris Nettles

****GREET ONE ANOTHER**

FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Love Mary Stuart
Melody Rose & Nicholas Julian Abernathy

PRELUDE How Great Our Joy Labebske

SONGS OF PRAISE Blue Chalice Hymnal

When God is a Child (1-4) 132

Silent Night, Holy Night (1 & 3) 145

OPENING & LORD'S PRAYER Mary Stuart

SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Worship & Wonder begins following the sharing

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE Minister

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper"
Cabaniss & Schram

Judge Linnea MacMillan
Sam Mark Martienz
Heehaw A Donkey Cami Rowan
Malachi Mutton Melody Rose Abernathy
Benjamin Holiday Innkeeper Denver Shade
Choir The Children of Worship & Wonder

**Natalie, Linnea, Mark, Kiara, Nikki, Lily, Kris,
Melody, Nicholas, Cami, Trista, Denver, Jillian**

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS Worship Leader

OFFERTORY Christmas Medley Alexander

****CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

God will make a way where there seems to be
no way, He works in ways we cannot see,
He will make a way for me, He will be our guide,
hold us closely to His side,
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION Purple Praise 156

You are Welcome

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Jesus invites all Christians to participate.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Blue Hymnal

How Great Our Joy (1 & 4) 170

****BENEDICTION**

****POSTLUDE** Le Prologue De Jesus Clokey

**** Please remain seated if it is not comfortable**

Mary Stuart, Worship Leader
Marilyn Rader, Music & Choir Director
Franklin Stuart, Guitar
Dr. Chris C. Nettles, Minister
Cathy Losee, Church Secretary
Scott & Jennifer Lambert, Youth Leaders

Pray for One Another

Peggy Guzzetta is recovering at home
Dorothy Victory, Paul Mozingo
Michael & Christine Pynn
Sandi Evelyn-Veere's friend Marilyn Davis
Richard Hanscom & Richard's sister Ann
Madlyn Hatzer, Rosie Stocks
Jim Stock's daughter Allison
Gene & Maxine Cramer,
Jewell McGill, Jewell's son
Al Bondesen's back pain treatment,
Wanda Copenhaver,
Eddie & Alice Estep
John Myers, Ernie & Vicki Garcia
Reba Mathis, Robert Russell
Youth group & leaders
Our Church & Church Family
The military & their families
Peace & Hope
The Herron's son DeVan
Lauran Sperber, friend of Mary Stuart
Debbie Snow's niece Karen Welker
Barbara Shiverly's friend Lynn Gerber,
Lisa Villa's grandmother Tina Meraz

WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome! This unique facility is held for all disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. On this blessed day, we pray that God's spirit will move in your life—and our life together—as we worship the Lord.

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! We are delighted that you have chosen to worship at First Christian Church. Please fill out the Prayer & Participation insert in the bulletin. Include your address, phone number and email address. Also include any prayer requests and place it in the offering tray.

Membership at FCC—It would be our joy to welcome you into the membership of this congregation. You may join through transfer of membership from another congregation or through profession of faith and baptism. Please feel free to talk with the minister or e-mail rivdoc@yahoo.com .

Hospitality—Come to The Gathering Place following worship.
(across the courtyard)

Loaves & Fishes Feeding Ministry - On the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month we prepare and serve a cooked meal under the arch of Calvary Presbyterian Church at noon. We also hand out sack lunches for later. The meal and sack lunches are prepared beginning about 10:30 AM at FCC in the kitchen. Please join us in this wonderful feeding ministry.

Friendship Group—For those grieving the death of family or friends, this support group offers friendship and understanding. 9:00AM Breakfast at church on the first Wed. of the month

Nursery—Childcare is available during the morning worship service through the age of four. The nursery is located in the nursery school. The greeters can give direction or take you there.

Fun & Fellowship—Retired Adults meet once a month, 4th Tuesday for a potluck lunch and movie.

Worship & Wonder—Children age 5 through 6th grade are invited to a special experience of bible stories, usually following our Sharing with Children. It always includes a Feast shared with the children.

Youth Group—Grades 7-12 meets Sunday night from 5:00-6:30 unless otherwise noted. Scott & Jennifer Lambert are the adult youth leaders.

Pastoral Needs—If you would like to speak with Chris Nettles, please feel free to meet at the door after worship service or call during business hours, 951-686-0646.

FCC Online—Visit online at www.rivdoc.org All are encouraged to sign up for our e-mail Christian sent out weekly and to receive daily prayers. Or use our email to communicate with the office:



Christmas Card Greetings

Each year the Disciple Women give us the opportunity to share Christmas greetings with each other without having to use our own cards and postage from home. Place the money you would of used in the box in the narthex and it will be given to a family 3 boys ages: 10, 12 & 14 and one girl age 4.



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FROM THE MINISTER Chris C Nettles

Getting ready for Christmas this year will take a bit of maneuvering. The Christmas day worship changes things a bit. We probably will have more at the Christmas eve service, than we will on Christmas day. For those who do the midnight gift giving, it won't matter much but those who have morning activities, it will take extra effort.

Christmas can be a wonderful time to celebrate the arrival of Christ into our lives. It can also be a time to welcome others into our circle of trust and traditions. Maybe we could even let ourselves be welcomed another circle and traditions. But at its best it is a season of remembering how it all started, by including others in a wonderful event meant for the whole world. What started as one couple, quickly moved to cousins, innkeepers, shepherds, angels, and wise men. It has been spreading every since. There is a temptation in this season for depression to overwhelm and isolate us. But to those who can stay connected, this great and wonderful gift, it includes many others. This year we welcome Arlington Christian Church and our many Worship & wonder children and families. Our lives and faith are richer because of these gift giving bearers of Christ's love.



SUNDAY December 18, 2011

10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Hospitality in The Gathering Place
11:45AM Church Board Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Group

TUESDAY December 20

11:30AM Joy Mary Rebecca Group
Christmas Lunch meet @ church to carpool to Goodies for lunch don't forget your white elephant gift

THURSDAY December 22

No Choir Practice

SATURDAY December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE
7:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service

SUNDAY December 25 2011

MERRY CHRISTMAS
10:30 AM Worship & Communion Service

Assisting In Our Worship Today

Worship Leader Mary Stuart
Communion Jean Van Aken
Hospitality Dennis & Linda Herron

**Please join us after worship
in The Gathering Place**

**Today is the last day to dedicate one or more
Poinsettias in memory or honor of
family & friends A list of the dedicated
Poinsettias will be shared in the
worship bulletin
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**