



The Joyful Noise

2016

2016

“Transformed by Christ”

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!*
2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is
— his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
Romans 12:2 NIV

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*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word  
was with God, and the Word was God. He was  
with God in the beginning.*

*Through him all things were made; without  
him nothing was made that has been made. In  
him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines  
in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We  
have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came  
from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**John 1:1-5, 14 (NIV)**

Journey back with me to that time in Bethlehem. Journey with your heart and your mind to see, hear, and understand the greatness of the moment. Each time a child is born is a wonder from the Living God. This time the child born is the very presence of the Living God!

Take time to really comprehend the wonder of this birth. The very power and presence that created all that there is, the universe, the stars, the planets, water, and the trees that would become the wood of the manger the child is lying in, has become

a baby boy. This is a mystery that will never be explained by human wisdom. Yet this is absolutely true in its historicity.

Very God of Very God who started time stepped into time. God took on human flesh, human weakness, and the fullness of human sin on the cross to bring reconciliation and salvation to us! This free gift of Salvation will be given to all who believe and call upon the name given to the child, Jesus. In Hebrew the name is Joshua meaning "the Lord Saves".

Whenever, wherever you find yourself at a Christmas party please make the most of the time and ask this question, or one similar to it: **"Why are you celebrating?"** Then trust the Holy Spirit to lead you to share the story of Jesus and the gift of salvation he brought with his birth.

May the Living God work through you this Christmas to lead another to Faith in Christ!

Humbly bowing in worship before the Lord,  
Pastor Jeff

Christmas Eve Worship -  
Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

*Sing with Great JOY!*

*A Savior has been BORN!*

*He is Christ our LORD.*

*Emmanuel, GOD with US!*

*We'll worship The Greatest Gift ever Given with  
Carols, Candlelight and Holy Communion.*

*Bring your whole family!*

*Bring your Friends!*



***Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:15 A.M.  
Christmas Day Worship***

***Sunday January 1, 2017  
at 10:15 A.M.  
New Years Day Worship***



### ***An Advent Prayer***

*Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ Your Son, so that when He comes and knocks He may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in His praise. For the Son lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



**Walking in the Word  
Tuesday Night Bible Study  
Taking a Break for December  
Meeting January 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>.**

With my children's Christmas programs on Tuesday nights in December we'll be taking a break for the month. We'll Meet on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

We are studying the fascinating book of JOB. This is a great time to join us. We learn together, we laugh together and we grow in love towards one another too. Come and Studying the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesdays at 7 pm. We conclude by 8:15 P.M.



## *Now why? Who? What son?*

By Jeffrey J. Lee

*Christmas rush is soon to swish on by  
with lots of things and toys to buy.  
So many things to get done,  
Now why? Who? What son?*

*Standing in line for hour upon hour.  
Credit cards ringing up another debt dollar.  
Rushing from place to place,  
Why, O Why am I in this mad dash race?*

*Wrapping paper to cover the gift.  
Checking off as I fulfill each wish.  
Thinking of happy faces to come,  
Now why? Who? What son?*

*Don't bother me with the meaning of the day.  
I will just keep going my own way.  
Buying things that will not last  
Stuck in traffic, going nowhere fast.*

*Hark, hear the carols fill your ear.  
Raise a glass of holiday cheer.  
Laugh, sing, have some good fun.  
Now why? Who? What son?*

*The world may ignore,  
go ahead, fall asleep in bed and snore.  
But the day will come,  
when it will matter if you know the Son!*

*So may the true meaning of the day  
capture your heart and guide your way.  
For the lost, broken, and forsaken He did come.  
The one and only Begotten Son!*



## **Praying Together**

Praying together is very powerful:



Praying together  
For God to Open Doors  
for the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ

*We must begin to believe that God, in the  
mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a  
force that can move the Heavenly world, and  
can bring its power down to earth."*

~ Andrew Murray

Please pray for Faith in Christ and the  
ministry we share together. Also pray for  
guidance on building our prayer life together.

## Church Office Christmas Schedule

The church office will be closed on  
Monday December 26, 2016 and Monday  
January 2, 2017. Normal office hours on  
December 27 - 29, 2016 and January 3 - 5, 2017



## Offering Envelopes



## AVAILABLE NOW

Your giving envelopes for 2017 are now available. They can be found on the table in the Narthex.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



We will once again be playing "post office" for your Christmas Cards being sent to one of your church family members. There will be a basket in the entrance hallway in early December for you to put your "outgoing" cards in. They will be sorted alphabetically and be available for pick up the following Sundays. No stamps needed! Remember....no cards will actually be mailed so do not include any mail for out of town members or shut-ins. These cards should be mailed in the usual way.

*.... and for your convenience ....*

**WOMEN OF TODAY (WOT)** are selling handmade Christmas cards again this year. The packs of cards will again be 6 cards for \$5.00.



## Caroling

"Joy to the World!" Let's spread the message that our Savior has been Born! Join us on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** as we visit Faith in Christ's Home Bound Members. We will be singing with them, sharing the Good News with them, and praying with them!

Please bring a brown bag lunch, a bottle of water, your smile, and your comfortable shoes. Fellowship and dinner will take place following the visitations.

Hope to see you!

## Children's Sunday School

Moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, great-grandma and great-grandpa, these intentional times of discipling will nurture the FAITH of those entrusted to your care. Make a Sunday morning faith commitment for you and your family! Attend Sunday School and Worship together.

*Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

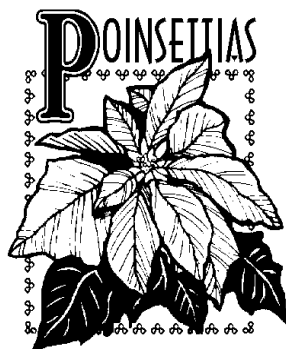
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

**Remember, Children's Sunday School will not meet  
December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017.**



# 2016 Poinsettia Order Form

Please complete this form and send it, along with your payment, to the church office no later than DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> (orders may also be placed in the offering plates or hand delivered). Add a dedication below, if you wish, to be printed in our Christmas Eve bulletins.



**Name (s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of flowers ordered** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment enclosed at \$9.00 each: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dedication: In Honor Of/In Memory Of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for helping us decorate for Christmas!  
Poinsettias may be picked up after the  
late service Christmas Eve  
or left on the altar during  
the remainder of the  
Christmas Season.*



**Please sign up for Altar Flowers for 2017.** The new 2017 Flower Chart is up in the hallway behind the 2016 Flower Chart.



## Loyal Followers of Christ - LFC



The LFC will meet at Teaberries at 12 noon on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> for their annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange. Everyone is to bring a gift, wrapped, with no name "to" or "from" on the package. The cost of the gift should be approximately \$10.00.

there will be no usual business meeting.

The group will not meet in January, but will meet again on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Women of Today -

Women of Today will meet Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.

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## FOOD BASKETS FOR Christmas

Faith in Christ will be providing Christmas food baskets working with IHN again this year.

### Single Individual - Total Needed 26

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 box Au gratin potatoes | Ramen Noodles       |
| 1 can Green Beans        | 1 box Cake Mix      |
| 1 can Corn               | 1 can Cake Frosting |
| 1 can canned fruit       |                     |
| 1 jar Peanut Butter      |                     |

### Family - Total Needed 8

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| 2 Boxes Mac & Cheese | Ramen Noodles       |
| 2 cans Green Beans   | 1 box Cake Mix      |
| 2 cans Corn          | 1 Can Cake Icing    |
| 2 cans canned Fruit  | 1 can Cake Frosting |
| 1 jar Peanut Butter  |                     |

The last day for donations will be **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. This will allow for packing and making any final purchases that are needed. The date all items will be delivered to the Mulberry Terrace apartment building has yet to be determined.

Canned Hams are being purchased for the boxes. Also gifts are being purchased for the children. If you would like to contribute money for others to do the shopping, see pastor on how to designate your gift.

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Help us rightly remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepards, and the worship of the Wise Men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desire with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessings that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts; forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen

*-Robert Louis Stevenson-*

## Faith in Christ is on Facebook

Visit Faith in Christ's Facebook page for updates and info throughout the week. "Like" the page and share with your friends. Get the word out how special we are!

Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon Message

Sunday Sermon messages are recorded and made available for listening on our Website: [www.ficlc.net](http://www.ficlc.net) The link to the message archive is found on the Pastor



This is a great opportunity to hear again the Word Preached and also a great opportunity to share the Word Preached with a friend at work or anywhere you have access to the internet. The Lord can bring a blessing and draw another to Faith in Christ.

## Thursday Nights Together

Thursday, Dec. 1

"Self Control"

Thursday, Dec. 8

"Hope"

Thursday, Dec. 15

Christmas Party

Visit Villa

NO GUITARS or TS

Arrive at 5:45 pm

Dinner at 5:50 pm

Leave for Villa 6:20 pm

Back at Church 7:40 pm

Special worship and Party

End at 8:30 pm

## Teen Servants

**Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Serving at IHN

Bring money for lunch!

**Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

JOY!

Come celebrate our newest Eagle Scout Anthony Robison

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Caroling to FIC's Homebound

**Coming in 2017**

**NALC** teen Event in May

Sharing our ministry with other churches!

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### Ministers of the Church

Everyone!

**Pastor**

Pastor Jeff Lee

**Council President**

Beth Brown

**Music Director**

Beth Helwagen

**Admin. Assistant**

Connie Sanders

**Technical Director**

Tony Rogers

**Confirmation Ministry**

Dave & Holly Hare

**Teen Servants**

Teen Servant Leaders

**Scout Master, Troop #311**

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**Cub Pack Master, Pack #311**

Brad Malone

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