

College First Church of God: Winebrenner
10:00 AM



Sunday, December 14,
2025

Get Involved

For details on all of the opportunities listed below and more you can view our FYI newsletter online. Go to www.collegefirst.org and click **CONNECT**. You can also subscribe your email at the bottom of the homepage to get the FYI weekly.

YOUNG ADULT SHOPPING TRIP

Join us for a day trip to shop at Jungle Jim's International Market in Cincinnati, OH on Friday, December 19 from 10 AM to 6 PM. Any questions, please contact Pastor Nancy at nhiser@collegefirst.org.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

The holiday season can be difficult for those who are going through some tough times or for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For this reason College First is offering a special service of remembrance and hope on Sunday, December 21 at 6 PM in the College First Sanctuary. The service is open to everyone. Childcare for infants and toddlers available.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

In the past, many of you have given Christmas gifts for the College First pastors and staff who minister to us and support us throughout the year. If you would like to participate, please insert your contribution in an envelope located next to the mailroom across from the Sanctuary or at the Resource Table at Winebrenner and place it in the offering bags or wire basket on the Resource Table. Or return the envelope to the church before Friday, December 19 by noon. Online giving is also available by scanning the QR Code and scroll down to "Staff Christmas Gifts." We understand you have family priorities, personal needs and other opportunities for giving during the Christmas season. With those considerations, please use this as an invitation, not an expectation, to give. Thank you and may God bless you throughout the coming year.—College First Elders



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Each year, we receive special offerings at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. This year's Christmas offering will serve as an investment in the future of College First Church of God—and in the future of God's Kingdom. Our 2025 Christmas offering will help launch the Reist Next Gen Leadership Development Quasi-Endowment. While many churches are closing their doors, College First has both a bright present and a hopeful future. Our investments in youth; interns, residents, and ministry fellows have produced tremendous fruit, and we desire to ensure that impact continues for generations. This endowment will allow us to love, equip, and send tomorrow's pastors, missionaries, elders, and Kingdom leaders for God's glory. You may give online by scanning the QR Code, or place your Christmas offering in the collection basket during service. May God bless you in this season of giving as we celebrate Emmanuel—God with us.



Welcome and Announcements

Praise and Worship

O Come O Come Emmanuel
A Christmas Hymn
The First Noel

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting The Groman Family

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:9-11, 60:1

The Message

Shepherd Pastor Kirk Schneemann

Prayer

Praise and Worship, Offering

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Sending

*The Prayer Team is available near the cross on the stage immediately following the service.
All are welcome for a time of prayer!*

Worship Team:

Donald Daboiko: worship leader,
Simeon Akepogu: drums, Mark Kintner: electric guitar,
Andrew Hughes: bass guitar, Gerald Natal: acoustic guitar,
Jesse Eckert: piano, Noah Anders: keys,
Lisa Jolliff, Daisy Evangelyn Mamidi: vocals

Audio/Visual Team:

Jacob Clagg: audio & live stream
Abram Hiser: visual

Our Mission:

The mission of College First Church of God is to love, equip, and send people in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the Spotlight...



FYI NEWSLETTER

The F.Y.I. e-newsletter serves as the main communication tool for College First. This weekly newsletter includes details regarding upcoming events, a preview of the next sermon, important notes or letters, a prayer list and notes of sympathy, information about ministry groups and classes, along with details about Kids Ministry, Student Ministry and Young Adult Ministry....along with many other important pieces of information! The newsletter is emailed out each Wednesday by Katie Thomas, the Administrative Assistant. If you are not yet receiving the FYI newsletter but would like to, please send an email with your request to Katie at office@collegefirst.org. If you lead a ministry area and would like to have your information included, please submit details to Katie by the Tuesday prior to the next newsletter. We praise God for the many ways he is at work within College First and are thankful to have a communication tool to share each week!

Join us in prayer:

Linda Bratt, Christine Cole, Paula Dewey, Briella Fletcher, Beth Gault, Jill Gordon, Kathy Kennard, Dan Kerlin, Ledger Han, David Martaus, Lee Osmun, Florence Roberts, Cindy Sims-Perry, Kay Reinehr, Doug Rosendale, Heather Tussing, JoAnn Wilson

Please also pray for:

- Peace for the ongoing conflicts in Israel, Ukraine, Haiti, and around the world.
- College First to build bridges to our neighbors and community



Next Gen Ministries

Kids Ministry—This week's focus: God gives hope to guide us. (An angel visits Mary)

ENCOUNTER— All kids grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to Encounter each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30 PM at the College First building! Any questions, contact Nicky Inman at ninman@collegefirst.org. * **No Encounter 12/24/25 & 12/31/25.**

Student Ministry— YOUTH GROUP- (6th-12th grade) 5:30- 7:30 p.m., Sundays. Come for dinner, worship, Bible Study, games at the Fellowship Hall. ***No Bible Quiz & Youth Group 12/28/25 & 1/4/26.**

Our thanks to all of our Frontline Ministry, Kids Ministry, Worship Ministry, and Audio/Visual Ministry Partners for their service this morning.



College First Church of God is a proud part of the Great Lakes Region of the Churches of God, General Conference. For more information on the denomination, check out www.cggc.org.

Here at College First, we hope you can...

- Gather

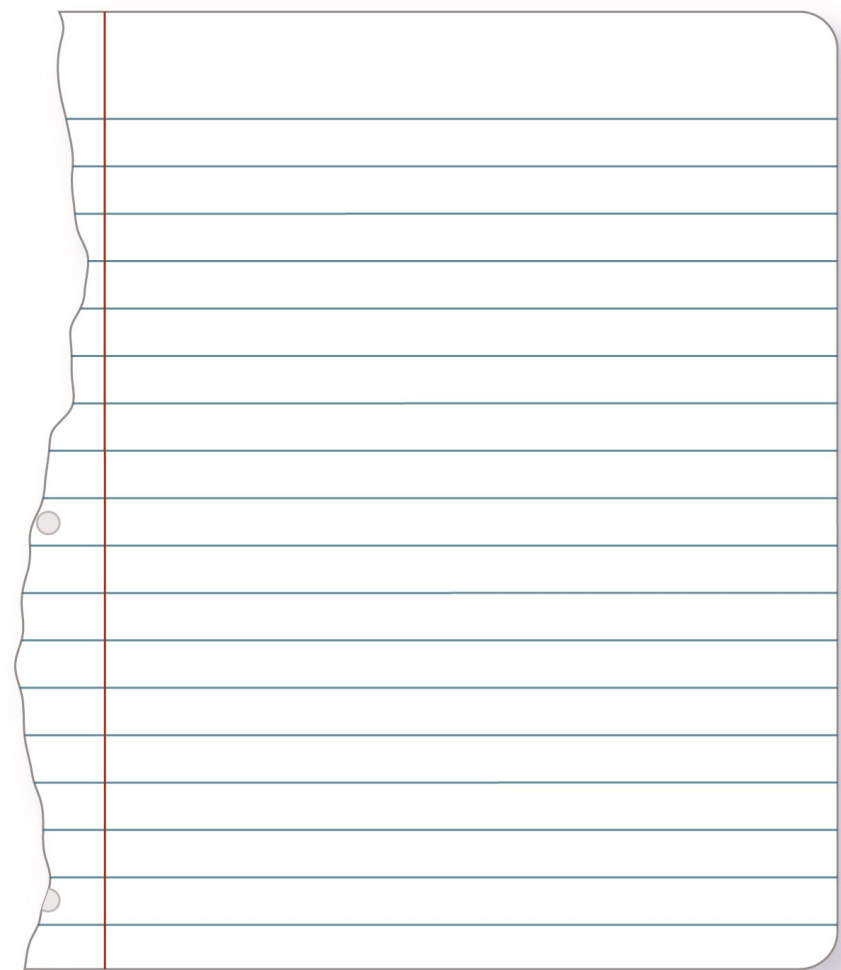
Gather together each Sunday as we share in word and worship together
- Connect

Connect in discipleship groups for community, growth, and outreach
- Partner

Partner in ministry, serving the church and the community for the sake of the Kingdom

Sermon: Shepherd

Isaiah 40:9-11, 60:1



Welcome to College First Church of God.

We're glad you are with us today. We hope you find our worship relevant, our discipleship and Christian education opportunities inviting, and our special ministries to children, youth, families, and seniors helpful.

Welcome Guests! We'd love the opportunity to get to know you more. Please stop by the Welcome Center for a free gift. Welcome brochures and Bibles are also available.

College First Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sanctuary: 9:00AM & 11:00AM Traditional Blended Worship
Winebrenner Auditorium: 10:00AM Contemporary Worship (950 N. Main Street)

Kids Ministry Information for 10:00 Worship

- All children please check in at the kiosk at the bottom of the stairs.
- Kids that are Kindergarten through grade 5 will begin in Room 254 for kids worship. The **Nursery** for **children birth through age 3** is in room **154**. **Preschool kids** may begin in room **251**.
- Kids may be picked up from their classrooms at the conclusion of the service:
 - *Potty Trained* Preschool Ages 3-5: **Room 251**
 - K-2nd: **Room 250**
 - 3rd-5th: **Room 252**

College First Staff

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