

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 & 11:00 AM

See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he
rules with a mighty arm.
Isaiah 40:10

The Prelude Su Jung, organ
While by My Sheep Arranged by Mark Hayes

We Sing
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymnal No.133

The Call to Worship

We Sing
While by the Sheep We Watched Hymnal No.166

We Pray

Lighting the Advent Wreath
The Candle Song

(Children through Grade 5 are dismissed for Sunday School
following the anthem.)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of
the LORD rises upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

The Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:9-11
Isaiah 60:1
Matthew 11:28-30

The Scripture in Song Worship Choir; SeaHwa Jung, director
Chorus: O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion” Handel

The Message Pastor Kirk Schneemann
Shepherd

The Morning Prayer
O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 4 only) Hymnal No. 155

We Sing
Joy to the World Hymnal No. 146

The Blessing

The Postlude Su Jung, organ
Lift Up Your Heads Arranged by Paul Fey

*An opportunity for an extended time of prayer and/or the
anointing with oil will be available upon the conclusion of the
worship service at the southside transept of the sanctuary.*

Our Mission:

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



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 Welcome Table at
Winebrenner and place it in the offering plate. 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.” Thank you and may God bless you
throughout the coming year.



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 fu-
ture 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. This endow-
ment 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!



#activekids

Kids Ministry – God gives people to guide us. (John the Baptist is
Born) * **No Encounter 12/24/25 & 12/31/25.**

9:00AM -Sunday School: Nursery- Pre-K: Rm 100, K-2nd:Rm 103, 3rd-
5th: Rm 105

Encounter– All kids, grades Kindergarten through 5th, are invited to
Encounter each week from 6-7:30 p.m. at College First. Any questions,
contact Nicky Inman at ninman@collegefirst.org.

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.**

In the Spotlight.



This week...

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.

*Merciful Father, accept these prayers in the name of your Son, our Savior
Jesus Christ. Amen.*



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



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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...

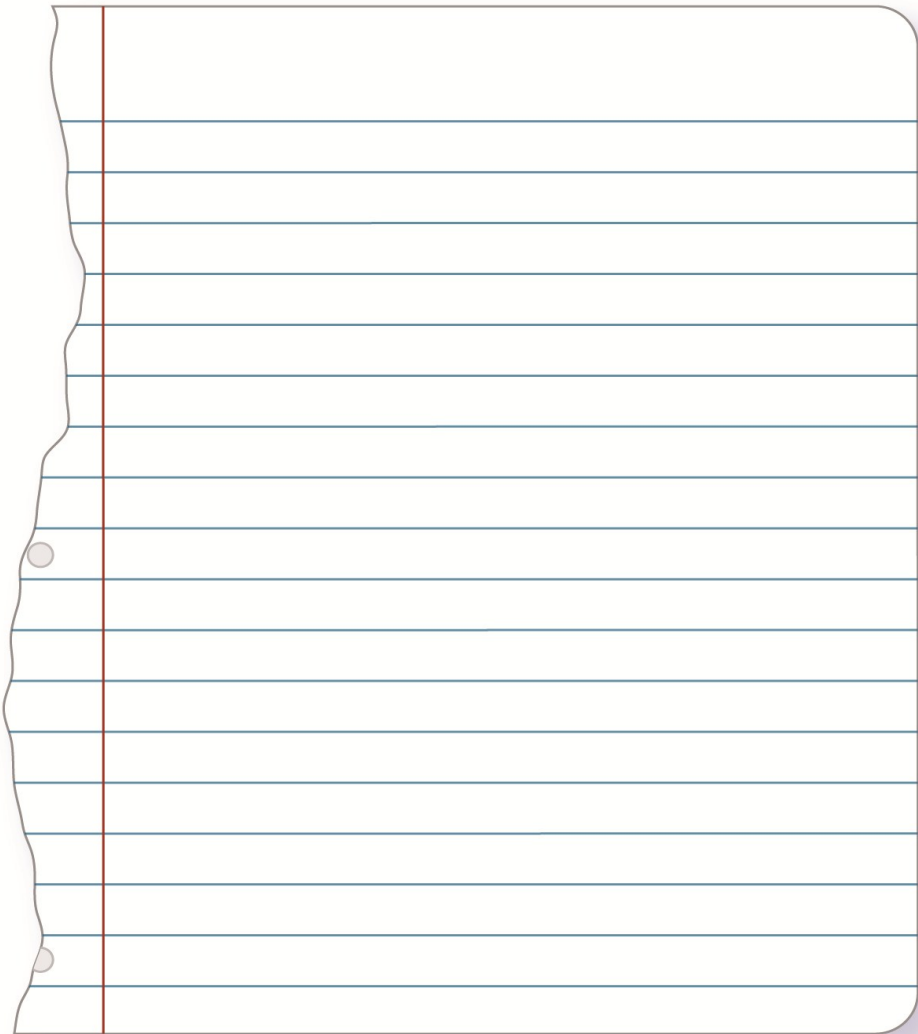
- Gather

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 Notes: Shepherd
Isaiah 40:9-11, 60:1& Matthew 11: 28-30



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.

Altar Flowers are given by Judy Doby in loving memory of Bud Doby by his family.

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.

Hearing Assistance devices are available upon request. Please see one of the ushers for assistance.

College First Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sanctuary: 9:00AM & 11:00AM Traditional Worship

Winebrenner Auditorium: 10:00AM Contemporary Worship (950 N. Main Street)

Kids Ministry Information

Children ages 5 & under are invited to be dropped off to their ministry rooms prior to the beginning of the service. The **Nursery** for **children birth through pre-K** is in room **100**.

Kids **K-grade 5** will join their families in the Sanctuary for worship and be dismissed to their classrooms after the music.

Parents of kids grade 5 & younger, please **SIGN-IN** your children for Kids Ministry programs & Sunday School at the sign-in station located in the entry by the **Welcome Center**.

College First Staff

Kirk Schneemann, Lead Pastor
David Welker, Pastor of Worship & Lay Activities
Kimberly Reese, Connections Pastor
Su Jung, Organist
SeaHwa Jung, Worship Choir Director
Donald Daboiko, Director of Worship, CF Winebrenner

Nancy Hiser, Pastor of Student & Young Adult Ministries
Nicky Inman, Director of Kids & Family Ministries
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