



# FIRST EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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*"To be known as a church that prays"  
"To be a church that takes the word of Christ to others"  
"To feel the love from Christ in a way that makes our heart rejoice"*

## **Sunday, December 25, 2022**

Pastor Michael Lewis 330-606-2711  
Jeff Cunningham, Worship Leader;  
Rob Cowie & Pauline Long, Musicians

### **Opening Praise/Greeting Time**

\*\* "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" #196

### **Announcements/Prayer**

#### **Worship**

"Oh Come All Ye Faithful" #249  
"Angels From The Realms of Glory" #259  
"Joy to the World" #270

#### **Prayer Offering/Offertory**

**Message**  
Pastor Lewis

#### **Closing Video**

\*\*Those who are physically able, please stand\*\*

## **First Church Events This Week**

"Your Word is Truth" (John 17:17)

### **This Week:**

**Christmas cards** – Don't forget your Christmas cards from the table in the foyer.

**Sunday**            **Worship Service 10:30 am.**  
**Wednesday**   **Men's & Ladies Bible study 7:00pm**  
**Thursday**       **Prayer & Praise 11:00 a.m. & lunch**

### **Pastor's notes:**

I hope everyone is having a Joyful and Merry Christmas. Today is a day for spending time with family and other loved ones. It's also a time for remembering those who we've lost.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son and through Christ, we can all spend Eternity in heaven with God.

Today, we should take the opportunity to share favorite memories that brought us Hope, Joy, Love and Peace.

These good emotions are gifts given to us through Christ and by the power of God, He allows us to experience His promises.

By FAITH, we've become adopted children of the "King" and having Christ to hold onto is what gives us the power to live life abundantly.

May today's message bring a special comfort to us all.

Akron First Prayer Chain has 2 contacts. It can be accessed by calling Jim Dotson @330-703-4585 or email him @jimdotson7@gmail.com, or Mike Lewis @330-606-2711 or email him @bacrides10@gmail.

## **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

December 30 Rob Katzmark

### **PRAISES**

Joe Beltz - No more AFIB  
Jim & Barbie - Last week "Peace" candle  
Jeannine - Christmas Eve writing and lighting of candle  
Leroy - Ben & Debbie doing better  
John M - 6 more months of nursing  
Kim H - doing so well  
Avis - thumb healing

### **WHO'S ASKED FOR PRAYERS**

Andy & Cindy - Dad hip surgery  
Jim & Avis - neighbor Kelli's mom heart valve surgery  
Avis - friend Nancy  
Rob H - Pam's mom  
Jim Behringer - Sister in law  
Cunningham's - Audrey & Nathan  
Trish - Carol C. - cancer re-surfaced  
Pauline - Son Don grieving  
Mike - Liz Ramsey - eyes and foot surgery  
Carol - nephew Brian - loss of mom  
People traveling

### **PRAYER NEEDS**

Brett Faidley - healing  
Tom B. - trigger finger  
Shut-ins - Glenna Duffee, Marie Banic, John M.

### **ONGOING NEEDS**

Rob H.-shoulder, Mike-mom Carol, Jim D.-Frank & Mattie,  
Gary Weakland, Cancer patients-Al, Katrina, Terice, Carol  
C., Leroy- Ben Mercer & Debbie, Peg Goldsmith, Jim  
Behringer, Melissa, Debbie Boser

**"Pray and Seek God's Answer"**



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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