



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Week of January 15th, 2023



Public Worship will be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning.
If you are not quite ready to join us for public worship, we invite you to follow along with this printed service.

Community Prayer

God of grace and glory,
you call us with your voice of flame to
be your people, faithful and courageous.
As your beloved Son embraced his
mission in the waters of baptism;
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to
join in his transforming work.
We ask this in the name of our Savior,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for
ever and ever.

AMEN

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Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call to Worship from today's live-streamed worship service.

One: In the bleak midwinter, we wait:

Many: for the One who warms us with stories of love and hope.

One: In the stillness of a snowfall, we wait:

Many: for the One who clears a path so we may follow in faith.

One: In the shadows of life, we wait:

All: for the One who lights the way through the world.

First Christian Church welcomes Pastor Kara Hillhouse to the pulpit on January 15, 2023.

Pastor Kara Hillhouse has been an ordained Presbyterian pastor since 2009. She is from Iowa and went to McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She has worked in hospital chaplaincy including trauma chaplaincy, parish ministry, and is now currently a hospice chaplain for Tabitha hospice. She has two children who are 18 and 20, two cats and a gecko, and a wonderful husband. She is so thankful to be able to return to First Christian and reacquaint herself with old friends!

Reflection

“What Are You Looking For?”

"When Jesus first appeared to the disciples in the gospel of John, and the disciples began to follow him as he walked, Jesus turned and asked them a question. It was a question that both challenged and transformed the disciples, and it's a question that God still wants us to ponder today. It's a question that's at the root of how we live our lives, what we seek, and what we believe. Jesus also issued an invitation to the disciples--an invitation you and I receive as well. How we respond to Jesus' invitation will forever change us. Join Pastor Kara as we explore this important text and seek transformation in our own lives."

First Christian Church Pulpit Supply January to April 2023

Jan. 15 – Kara Hillhouse
Jan. 22 – Kara Hillhouse
Jan. 29 – Rachel Johnson

Feb. 5 – Kara Hillhouse
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Scripture Reading

Psalms 40

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.
I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.
Then I said, 'Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.'
I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your
faithfulness
from the great congregation.
Do not, O Lord, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe for ever.
For evils have encompassed me
without number;
my iniquities have overtaken me,
until I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let all those be put to shame and confusion
who seek to snatch away my life;

let those be turned back and brought to dishonour
who desire my hurt.
Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, 'Aha, Aha!'
But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'
As for me, I am poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my God.

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Prayers & Praises

January 15th, 2022

- In Our Church Family:
- Donna Baker
 - Marvin Thurber
 - William Deterding
 - Vic Burgess
 - Jessica Vocasek
 - Relda Lathrop
 - Susan Pallas-Duncan
 - Polly Putney
 - Lois Frogge
 - Joan Dietrich
 - Mildred Brockemeyer
 - Bobbi Carlin

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of *Vic Burgess*
- Laurie Aufdemberge, *with breast cancer,*
sister of Kristi Bowker

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart*
- Carson Mousel, *grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz,*
from Mildred Brockemeyer

Our Timothy's:

- Bruce Frogge *at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, *Creative Arts Ministry in*
Lincoln, NE

In the Nebraska Region:

- Ashland First Christian Church and Rev. Bob
Schofield

Our Global Ministries

Missionaries:

- Miguel Tomas Castro serving
in El Salvador



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Ministry partners at www.globalministries.org

Song of the Week

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Text: John Ernest Bode, 1866

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
now give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.