

Weekly Worship

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

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Public Worship will be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning. we invite you to follow along with this printed service.

Community Prayer

O God,

you spoke your word and revealed your good new in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth

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: As he walked by a lake, Jesus called folks to follow him.

Many: And immediately they left their work and went with him.

One: As Jesus journeys through our lives, he asks us to follow him.

Many: In this moment we have the chance to pursue him into God's future.

One: As Jesus wanders in our world, he invites others to join him.

All: We would join him in this ministry, reaching out, without delay!

Reflection From Pastor Kara Hillhouse "Go Fish

In the gospel of Matthew's first "call story" for the disciples, Jesus says to the brothers (and fishermen) Simon and Andrew, "follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they dropped their nets and followed Jesus. Immediately. They didn't check their calendars, didn't ask their wives, didn't ponder whether it might be inconvenient or perhaps they had a better offer...they followed Jesus. And what was their task? What was Jesus asking them to do? Love people. This is what it means to fish for people. It's really this simple (and this hard): to patiently, with perseverance, show love to those with whom we share this life. We hope you'll join us for worship this Sunday!

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- Coffee Fellowship volunteers
- Ministry Team Members
- Prayer Team Members
- Wedding Coordinator (paid per wedding)

If you are interested in serving in any of the above items, call or email the church office for more information.



First Christian Church Pulpit Supply January to April 2023

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

- Feb. 5 Kara Hillhouse
- Feb. 12 Melissa Strong Feb. 19 – Kara Hillhouse
- Feb. 26 Kara Hillhouse
- Mar. 5 Melissa Strong Mar. 12 – Melissa Strong Mar. 19 – Kara Hillhouse Mar. 26 – Kara Hillhouse

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14

Of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh my adversaries and foes they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Prayers & Praises January 22, 2023

In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Susan Pallas-Duncan
- Rae-Hope Putney

- Donna BakerPolly Putney
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Bobbi Carlin
- Karen Moritz

Relatives:

• Friends and Family of Vic Burgess

Friends:

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

Our Timothys:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

• Aurora First Christian Church and Rev. Penny Schulz

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

• Ian Alexander serving in Scotland

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at <u>www.globalministries.org</u>



Song of the Week

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.