



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 February 12, 2023



Public Worship will be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning.

Community Prayer

Divine Gardener, you give growth to our seeds and to the towering forest trees; you raise to abundant life that which seems dead. Teach us to choose blessing and life rather than death, so that we may walk blamelessly, seeking you through reconciliation with all of your children.

Amen.

Reprinted and Revised Common Lectionary Prayers,
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Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call to Worship from the live-streamed worship service on Sunday.

One: You could have stayed in bed, you could be eating breakfast out.

Many: We have chosen to be in this place, feasting on God's words.

One: You could give a cold shoulder to your neighbors, you could warm yourself in front of the fire.

Many: We have chosen to see God with more than just a sliver of our hearts.

One: You could be chasing after the world's idols, you could be listening to television's talking heads.

Many: We have chosen to serve the One who blesses us with life.

Reflection

From Pastor Melissa Strong
“The Purpose of the Proclamation”

This week we will be talking through not just what God's commandments or laws are, but why God is asking that of us. What happens if we do something that contradicts God's decrees? How can we find our peace in the midst?

Ash Wednesday Worship February 22nd at 7:00 PM - Sanctuary



For Christians, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season and symbolizes 40 days of fasting and prayer Jesus served in the desert before his crucifixion. It is a day of reflection and repentance to ponder the transitory nature of our physical bodies.

Please join us for a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the church gym and worship at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary where we will once again receive ashes on our foreheads so that we may prepare to celebrate Easter 2023 with great joy.

The service will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

First Christian Church Pulpit Supply February to April 2023

Feb. 12 – Melissa Strong

Feb. 19 – Eduardo Bousson

Feb. 26 – Eduardo Bousson

Mar. 5 – Melissa Strong

Mar. 12 – Melissa Strong

Mar. 19 – Kara Hillhouse

Mar. 26 – Kara Hillhouse

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Matthew 5:21-37

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Prayers & Praises

February 12, 2023

Song of the Week

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

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

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of *Vic Burgess*
- Kevin Pinneo, *healing prayers following knee replacement. Husband of Carla Pinneo*

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:

- Bethany Christian Church, Lincoln and Rev. Daryl Lauber

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Missionaries serving in Ghana

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains
high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest,
to both great and small.
In all life thou livest,
the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves
on the tree,
then wither and perish;
but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory;
thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render;
O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light
hideth thee!