



**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 March 5th, 2023**



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

### Community Prayer

Steadfast God, you have enriched and enlightened us by the revelation of your eternal Christ. Comfort us in our mortality and strengthen us to walk the path of your desire, so that by word and deed we may manifest the gracious news of your faithfulness and love.

**Amen.**

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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: In this season of discipleship God calls us to leave our comfortable lives  
Many: to journey like Abraham and Sarah into that unknown country called faith.

One: On sleepless nights we toss and turn with doubt's questions  
Many: hoping like Nicodemus to find Jesus and listen to his responses.

One: Convinced that every thing depends on us  
Many: we struggle to affirm that every thing is in God's hands.

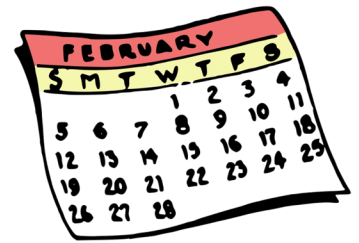
One: In this season of discipleship, we long to follow Jesus  
Many: wherever he may go, wherever he may lead.

## Lenten Calendars

Everyone should have received a copy of the 2023 Lenten Devotional "*Leaning In, Letting Go*" along with a 2023 Lenten Calendar. The calendar has daily suggestions to consider doing to increase our personal awareness of ways to serve God. Not to give up something like chocolate, coffee or soda for Lent, but give or do something for others regularly during Lent.

Example: Thursday, February 23 the activity was to find a jar to collect coins during Lent; February 26 was to bring food items and February 27 suggested collecting personal care items. The Collection Barrel is in the Narthex and ready to accept the food and personal care items. The containers of collected coins can be put in the barrel on Easter Sunday.

The Worship and Outreach Teams chose The Food Bank of Lincoln as the recipient of all of our 2023 Lenten Offerings.



### Add these dates to your calendar



Saturday, March 25 - 1pm to 3:30 pm  
FCC outside cleanup

Saturday, April 1 - 9 am to noon  
Sanctuary cleaning



### First Christian Church Pulpit Supply March 2023

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

# Scripture Reading

## Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

# Prayers & Praises

## March 5, 2023

### In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Bobbi Carlin
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Karen Moritz

Our Sympathy is extended to Marcia, Casey and Evan Foster in the death of Marcia's cousin, Craig Lefler, on February 22. His memorial service will be Friday, March 3.

### 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:

- CrossBridge Christian Church Lincoln and Rev. Robert Fugarino

### Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Wafa Gousous Director of Middle East Council of Churches in Jordan

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# Song of the Week

The God of Abraham Praise

Text: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.

The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days,  
the God of love!

The Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name,  
forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free,  
high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old  
and you speak still.  
Established is your law,  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart  
by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek,  
with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty  
and Sabbath rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow  
with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life  
implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay,  
while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God!  
We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought,  
and still the same!