



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 August 27th, 2023



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

Community Prayer

God of Miriam and Moses, you are our help from age to age. Accept our worship, our living sacrifice, and transform us by your Spirit, that, being many members of one true body, we may dare to pray together in the name of Christ the Lord.

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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Many: who made heaven and earth.

One: Our joy comes from the heart of God,
Many: who reveals to us the One who brings us new life!

First Christian Church Welcomes The Rev. Melissa Strong to the pulpit

Our outreach partner McPhee elementary has recently lost some funding for helping families in crisis. They would love to have Walmart gift cards to give to these families to help offset the cost of groceries, diapers, clothes, and other essential needs. Please let Donna Ruhl or the office know if you'd like to add some Walmart Scrip to your order next month.

McPhee also tries to provide students with new shoes when they need them. They are running particularly low on boys sizes 11 to 4. If you'd like to donate shoes (they have to be new), we'll have the collection barrel available. Thank you in advance for your support!

FCC Outreach



Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Prayers & Praises

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Song of the Week

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Vic Burgess
- Bobbi Carlin
- William Deterding
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Nicole Lee, *prayers for strength, Mother of Leigh Lestina*

Friends:

- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt*
- 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:

- Scottsbluff First Christian Church and Rev. George Kilmer

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Rev. Edward Rivera Santiago serving in Puerto Rico

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at www.globalministries.org



Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall
last,
and our eternal home.