



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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Community Prayer

You let us choose, O God, between you and the false gods of this world. In the midst of the night of sin and death, wake us from our slumber and call us forth to greet Christ, so that with eyes and hearts fixed on him, we may follow to eternal light. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: God has gathered us to this place,

Many: where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.

One: God will send us from this place,

Many: to tell others of God’s hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

In Matthew 24:36 we read, *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.”* This text shows us Jesus who is speaking about his return, and that no one--amazingly enough not even he--knows when it will happen.

And then, after this sort-of-disturbing revelation, in the very next chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells the Parable of the Ten Virgins, the story of ten bridesmaids, five who were foolish and five who were wise. This story is an admonition to Jesus' listeners that because we do not know when the Son of God will return, we must keep awake and be prepared! Join us for worship Sunday as we explore this text, rejuvenate our souls and be fed at the Lord's table. We'll see you there!

Order Your Poinsettias for Christmas



Deadline to order is Sunday, November 19

Once again we would like to decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to help make this possible, please complete this form.

Name: _____

Number of plants (**\$15 each**): _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In Memory of: _____

or

Honoring: _____

Please fill out this form and mail it to the office along with your check, made out to First Christian Church.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 78:1-7

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



Prayers & Praises November 12, 2023



Song of the week

The Lord Is God

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, The maker of all things and giver of our days!

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart, O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Vic Burgess
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- William Deterding
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Our sympathy to the family of Jim & D'Arcy Blosser. Jim's mother, Marge Blosser passed away October 25th. Services were November 4, 2023 in Jefferson City, MO.

Jessica Vocasek and friends Amy Nasworthy, and Becky Williams as they continue to recover from injuries received in an auto accident on October 2, 2023.

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.*

Our Timothy's:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

Nebraska Regional Board, Committees & Staff

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Eswatini

"Peace and continued blessings for Eswatini. That those in leadership may make wise decisions that benefit all citizens, and that God's love may be evident in the country's policies and actions."

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