



**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

God of the covenant, even when we fall into sin, your Spirit invites us to remember that you chose us to be your servant people. Awaken us to the power and gifts you pour into us for the good of creation, and grant that we may be trustworthy in all things, producing abundantly as we work to build your realm.

Amen.

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## Call to Worship

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

Many: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

One: We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, “Thank you!” to the One who loves us.

Many: We will sing our praises, shouting of God’s presence in our lives.

# Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

## *“Thanking Jesus”*

There are many stories in the Bible that speak of gratitude. We see gratitude when Mary learns she is to bear a savior, Jesus, in her Magnificat ("my soul magnifies the Lord"); we see gratitude in King David's many Psalms of praise to God because of the faithfulness and forgiveness God has shown to him (even David, as good as he was, made some big mistakes); and we see Jesus saying "thank you" to God many times in his prayers. In our story this week we find Jesus' encounter with the Ten Lepers. All are healed by Jesus, but only one turns back to say "thank you Jesus." And Jesus noticed this, saying, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" As we approach Thanksgiving, I feel it's important to take a look at our daily lives and ask ourselves: do I live my life as a "thank you" to God? Join us for worship this Sunday, where we'll hear Pastor Kara's message, "Thanking Jesus", we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper and be rejuvenated by great music and great fellowship. We'll see you there!

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# Scripture Readings

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



# Prayers & Praises November 19, 2023

## 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

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:

- Jennie & Will Ernest and family. *Tyler Goodrich, the young man missing since November 3rd is Jennie's brother.*
- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart.*

## Our Timothys:

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

## In the Nebraska Region:

Retired Ministers in Nebraska

## Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in East Timor

*“Lord, we pray that you continue to bless the country of Timor-Leste and bless its political leaders to make the right decisions for the well-being and prosperity of its people.”*

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## Song of the week

### *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

