



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 our salvation, your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, that by your Holy Spirit, we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust with earth and its inhabitants. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We come, so God might open our eyes,

Many: that we may discover the wonders surrounding us; that we may embrace the joy deep within us.

One: We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

Many: that we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us; that we may sing the melodies of hope.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Driven into Troubled Lands

This Sunday, in a strange time warp, we find ourselves back at the starting line of Jesus' ministry: his baptism. Except we're not at the beginning of Jesus' ministry during Lent.. we're approaching the finish line. But it's the text that *follows* his baptism (in the gospel of Mark) that draws me in. It's all about the Holy Spirit driving Jesus into the desert (not like a chauffeur) where he ends up being tempted by Satan. The Holy Spirit, who I somehow figured was a good friend of Jesus (after all, they're both kind of God, right?), driving him relentlessly into the desert where he's hounded by Satan! That makes the Holy Spirit sound kind of mean, doesn't it? There must have been a purpose behind these actions. What are we to learn from this story? Join us for worship this Sunday, for a time of music, reflection on scripture, communion and fellowship. We'll see you Sunday!



Rae-Hope Putney turns 102 on February 27th!

Let's shower Rae-Hope with birthday greetings this year.

Rae-Hope Putney
3010 S. 51st St. Ct., #11
Lincoln, NE 68506

Easter Lilies March 31

Once again, we would like to decorate our worship space with lilies for Easter. If you would like to help make this possible, please fill out the order form below and put it in the offering plate, or give it to Donna Ruhl. **Deadline to order is Sunday, March 10.**

Name: _____

Number of plants (\$15.00 each): _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

or Honoring: _____



Make all checks payable to First Christian Church, and please write "Easter Lily" in the memo line.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."



Prayers & Praises February 18, 2024

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- William Deterding
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber

Please keep the *Putney family* in prayer. Rae-Hope's daughter-in-law, Dona Quimby has been diagnosed with cancer and is in Hospice in Wisconsin.

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*

In the Nebraska Region:

- Beatrice First Christian Church - Pulpit Supply

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in India

"Lord, we come to you and seek your guidance in our lives. Lord, we pray for our country, India which has the largest population in the world, with more than 1.4 billion people. As a majority of the people in India are economically struggling and living below the poverty line, we remember them and pray for your grace to sustain them and feed them so that they can meet their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter."

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Song of the week

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord with us abide.

Abide this us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

