



First Christian Church
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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

Holy Lord, maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead.

Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, where faith and words and the need of our neighbor come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to just a few?

Many: God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.

One: What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

Many: We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our fearful hearts.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Bountiful Blessings

Solomon, David and Bathsheba's son, was a wise king. He has traditionally been known as the author behind three of our Old Testament books -- Song of Solomon, Proverbs (which likely included writings by other authors as well) and Ecclesiastes -- as well as the king who built the first Temple in Jerusalem. In the book of Proverbs, many topics are covered, but the one we're going to look at this week is Generosity: caring for the poor, specifically. It's discussed very clearly in this book. As we continue to move toward the culmination of our stewardship campaign, which will end with our Commitment Sunday on October 20th, we need to continue to ponder what it means to be good stewards. Not only good stewards of our own personal resources, but good stewards of our church's resources. And we need to remember the currency of God's Kingdom: love, which is given through generosity. Join us for worship Sunday, for a time of spiritual rest and renewal, a time of listening for God's wisdom and word for us today, and a time of fellowship. We'll see you Sunday!



Scripture Readings

Psalms 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts. But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.



Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

Live into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- John Burkhart
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Wayne Duncan
- Ron Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Bobbi Carlin, has been *diagnosed with colon cancer and is having surgery on September 11th.*

Wayne Duncan, *now going to outpatient therapy at Madonna.*

Friends:

- Allen Watsek, brother of *Gwen Belden is being treated for cancer.*
- John Burkhart, husband of *Cecilia Burkhart has completed chemo and radiation and doing well!*
- 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 Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: Center on Church Development and Vitality - Regional Church

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Hungary

"Thank you, our Eternal God, that you are not restrained by earthly powers and events!"

We often feel vulnerable when we almost resign ourselves to the fact that there are people, situations, and times growing above us and exerting influence over us."

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