



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 widows and strangers, you protect the oppressed and forgotten and feed the hungry with good things. You stand among us in Christ, offering life to all. Give us open hearts and minds to respond with love to the world, caring for those for whom you care. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: God’s Word called into being the pumpkins, the geese who fly south, the leaves which litter our lawns.

Many: In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid imagination.

One: God’s spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.

Many: In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Rewire!

There is a lot about Jesus' life and Jesus' words that we cannot understand unless we understand the context in which he lived. Jesus was a Jew: he grew up Jewish, he learned as a Jew, he worshipped as a Jew, he knew the Hebrew Bible (we're going to talk this Sunday about what that is) inside and out--in fact he quotes it frequently during his ministry. So...it's pretty important that we, too, try to understand the Old Testament. Many of Jesus' followers (the ones who were also Jewish), would have been familiar with the *hundreds* of laws prescribed in the books of the Torah (where the Laws of Moses are found), and one day someone asks Jesus, "Teacher, which law is the most important?" And Jesus, who would have grown up following those hundreds of laws, tells those around him, "Hey! There's really only two that matter: love the Lord your God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself." And there it was: the two most important things to know about following Jesus. If we can master these two commandments, all the other important things will fall into place. But following Jesus' words requires a total rewiring of our brains, as we are molded and surrounded by a very different vision cast by the world in which we live. Join us for worship Sunday as we explore the greatest commandments and how they impact our lives today. Come and be filled by a time of meaningful worship, beautiful music and being refueled at the Lord's Table. We'll see you Sunday!



Deuteronomy 6:4 in Hebrew

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

Deuteronomy 6:4 NRSV

Scripture Readings

Psalm 127

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved. Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.



Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment - the statutes and the ordinances - that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Cecilia 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
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Cecilia Burkhart. She broke her right collar bone in a fall.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek. He dislocated his shoulder and is doing PT while waiting for an MRI approval.

Friends:

- Allen Watsek, brother of *Gwen Belden is being treated for cancer.*
- John Burkhart, husband of *Cecilia Burkhart as he continues to recover and get his speech back.*
- 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: Nebraska Regional Board, Committees & Staff

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: East Timor

"We humbly pray for peace and tranquility in East Timor, asking God to bless the church in East Timor as a witness of love and peace. We seek unity and mutual support within our community, inspired by Ruth's loyalty and commitment. We place our hopes in God's hands, trusting in God's guidance as we strive to serve faithfully. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen."

For more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners visit www.globalministries.org



IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING PARKING LOT USAGE:

As of now, we are no longer using the Masonic Temple parking lot at anytime, including Sunday mornings. We have been informed by the Temple that they will tow any cars parked in the wrong spots. Please, when you come to church for worship or other activities throughout the week, park in First Christian's parking lot only (or street parking). The church parking lot is located at the corner of 17th and K Streets. *Only the paved spots are the church's. Do not park in the gravel spots next to the Masonic Temple building.*

Here are some other important things to keep in mind: **on weekdays**, between the hours of 6am-5pm (the times on the parking lot sign are incorrect), most of our lot is reserved parking, and we cannot park in those spaces. There are, however, five spaces reserved for First Christian Church--two marked Staff Parking, and three additional ones with signs indicating they are for First Christian. These three signs are in the northeast corner of the rows closest to 17th Street, not next to the Staff Parking spaces. Please park in these three spaces. After 5pm on weekdays you are free to park in any spot in our lot. **On Saturdays and Sundays** you can park anywhere in our lot. On home football game days, you are welcome to park in the lot *if there is room*. The lot is used for football game tailgating and may be full.

Again, *please do not park in the Masonic Temple parking lot at any time*. I understand this is a lot of information. However, we do not want any of you to have your cars towed, and we need to respect the spaces in our lot that are reserved for others. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact the church office at 402/475-4289 or email Kara at pastorkara@fcclincoln.org.

I appreciate your understanding and willingness to change our practices. Peace be with you and be of good cheer!

Pastor Kara