



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, you root those who trust in you by streams of healing water. Release us from the bonds of disease, free us from the power of evil, and turn us from falsehood and illusion, that we may find the blessing of new life in you through the power of Christ. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Blessed are those who trust – in God!

Many: We come in trust, to be grounded in God’s love.

One: Blessed are those who hope – in God!

Many: We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

One: Blessed are those who delight – in God’s Word!

Many: We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Luke 6:17-26

Attitude is Everything

Rev. Steven Molin said, "Wealth can be either a blessing or a woe. It can bring us joy or it can bring us conflict. The thing it cannot bring us is eternal life. And yet we seek financial security as if it can really make us secure. And Jesus says it can't, but he can." How we approach our faith is supposed to affect every part of our life: how we speak, how we act, how we help and how our perspective is ruled by the heart of God rather than the head of the world. Our text this week shows us Luke's version of the "Sermon on the Mount" we find in Matthew. It has some pretty difficult things to hear and accept. But it's a great reminder of what our attitude needs to be if we are to be faithful in following Christ. Join us for worship as we explore our attitudes; join us as we come into God's presence and are fed by his word; and join us as we fellowship together as the Body of Christ. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara



Scripture Readings

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.



Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

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 Roger & Jessica Vocasek. Both are struggling with a variety of health issues.

Praise for Joan Dietrich. Joan is out of rehab, settling into her “new” home with her daughter.

Friends:

- Gina Simpson, *sister of Sara Lugn. Gina and Sara will be going to Mayo Clinic in MN where Gina will have brain surgery on February 12th for a benign mass.*
- Jody Schrage, *friend of Katelyn Long. She is having shoulder surgery.*
- John Burkhart, *recent scan shows he is cancer-free.*
- Linda De Los Santos, *sister of Vincent Ortega. Linda is in rehab in Scottsbluff.*
- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.*

Our Timothy:

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

In the Nebraska Region: Beatrice First Christian Church - Jeff Collins, Interim

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Zambia

“We pray that you help your servants remain steadfast in doing your work despite what they might see and hear. Help your servants be patient with those who resist your word. Help your servants be firm and bold as they carry out your work. When the political and spiritual landscape is not favorable, help your servants be strong.”

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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

