



First Christian Church

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Weekly Worship

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

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Community Prayer

God of Abraham and Jesus, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us toward faith in you. May your coming among us find our doors open, our tables set, and all your people ready to greet you. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

Many: By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

One: We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

Many: By faith we have the ability to share the good news.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Isaiah 11:1-10

Glimpses of a Better Age

The words of Isaiah 11:1-10 are traditionally read during Advent. This passage is a vision of a future king who will manifest the spirit of the Lord, be a righteous ruler and bring into existence an age of justice and peace. And of course we understand this ruler to be Jesus. We're looking at this passage for our August Stewardship Sunday because, in addition to stewardship being a way of life (which we touched on last month), stewardship should also propel us to work alongside God to usher in the justice, righteousness and peace that he desires for his creation. God can do it on his own and doesn't need us; but he knows *we need him*, so he invites us to be a part of the unfolding of his kingdom here on earth. Join us for worship this Sunday, and take some time to be still and know how good and faithful our God is. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara



Scripture Readings

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

“The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: ‘Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. ‘Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.’

‘Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver. Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God.’ ”



Isaiah 11:1-10

“A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.”

Prayers & Praises

August 10, 2025

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for the Carlin Family as Mike passed away on August 4. Services are pending.

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. Roger is recovering from shoulder surgery and Jessica has back issues.

Prayers for Cecilia Burkhart for the passing of her brother James.

Friends:

- Sympathy for Ron Collamore, Ron's cousin, Johnny, was killed in California.
- Jody Schrage, friend of Katelyn Long. She is hospitalized in Wyoming.
- Nikki, friend of Katelyn Long. She is recovering from recent gastric bypass surgery.
- Linda De Los Santos, sister of Vincent Ortega. Linda is home and continues rehab.

Our Timothy:

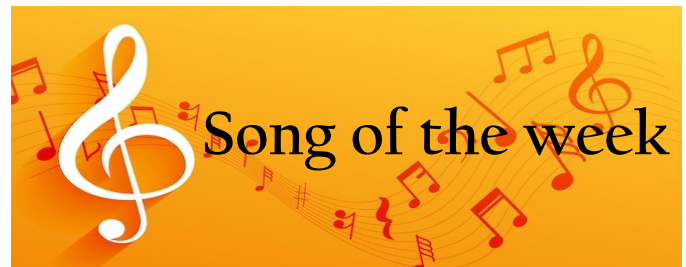
- Rev. Bruce Frogge, Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX

In the Nebraska Region: Pawnee City First Christian Church-Pulpit Supply

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Korea

"God of mercy and justice, You have formed us to live in communion, and yet our world remains fractured by walls of division and fear. Here on the Korean Peninsula, we still bear the scars of war and separation, longing for the day when swords will be turned into plowshares, and neighbors will embrace across borders. We remember those who, in the darkest of times, raised their voices for freedom and dignity. We give thanks for the global ecumenical community who stood in solidarity and accompanied us in our struggle. Their presence became a seed of peace, growing into relationships rooted in hope and trust. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.' (Matthew 5:9) Lord, may this promise sustain us."

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Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

Isaiah the prophet has written of old how God's new creation shall come. Instead of the thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The mountains and hills shall burst forth into song, the peoples be led forth in peace, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world, and conflict turns parent from child. Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth; the briar and the thorn tree grow wild. God, bring to fruition your will for the earth, that no one shall hurt or destroy, that wisdom and justice shall reign in the land and your people shall go forth in joy.

