



First Christian Church

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Weekly Worship

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

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Community Prayer

Merciful God, your desire to bring us into your commonwealth is so great that you seek us in the places of our ignorance, and the forgotten corners where we hide in despair. Gather us into your loving embrace, and pour upon us your wise and holy Spirit, so that we may become faithful servants in whom you rejoice with all the company of heaven. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: The foolish say, ‘there is no God.’

Many: We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice, the presence of the God who loves us.

One: The scoffers of our age ask, ‘why do you seek after God?’

Many: We come, in this time, because God’s grace has spilled over into our lives.



Pausing for Prayer...

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I share news of the death of Rev. Kara Hillhouse's sister, Heather. Please join me in surrounding Kara, Tony and the whole family in prayer as they grieve this unexpected loss.

Notes of care may be sent to:
Kara Hillhouse
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We are reminded of the holy promise of everlasting life:
Jesus said..., 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die... - John 11:25

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Interim Regional Minister
Christian Church in Nebraska

Scripture Readings

Psalm 14

“Fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord? There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.”



I Timothy 6:6-19

“Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”

Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church Family:

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

Prayers and sympathy for Pastor Kara Hillhouse and family in the sudden loss of her sister Heather.

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. Roger will begin harvesting soon, and Jessica continues to have health issues.

Friends:

- Jody Schrage, friend of Katelyn Long. She is back in Lincoln, undergoing extensive testing.
- Nikki, friend of Katelyn Long. She is recovering from recent gastric bypass surgery.

Our Timothy:

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

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



We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blestest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Tuvalu

"God of the ocean and the atoll, you formed Tuvalu within your vast Moana and taught your people to live by winds, tides, and communal care. We lift up the Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu—pastors, elders, women's and youth fellowships—who shepherd a nation discerning what it means to remain a people of faith if their islands are lost to heat and rising seas. Steady households whose graves, gardens, and shoreline churches are already battered; comfort fishers and farmers whose livelihoods falter; watch over children who wonder where "home" will be if the sea keeps coming. Grant wisdom to leaders planning for relocation with dignity, and grace to partner churches preparing to welcome Tuvaluans in diaspora. We join the Pacific churches in praying: 'Creator God, you call us to live in right relationship with You, with one another, and with Your creation.' Teach us to hear Earth's cry and to respond with justice and compassion, so that peace and right-relationships may flourish for people and all creatures you love. Through Jesus Christ, who calms the waters and calls us into solidarity. Amen."

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