



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 our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as blessing. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We are blessed when we hunger for justice and thirst for reconciliation.

Many: Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.

One: We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,

Many: choosing, as God does, to be with those who are weak and powerless.

One: We are blessed when we become God's fools,

Many: willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Living in a Topsy-Turvy World

Old habits die hard, they say. I think we can all relate to this: it's hard to stop eating the second helping of ice cream when your doctor tells you to, because you've been doing it for twenty years; it's hard to stop sleeping in late when school starts in the fall, because you've been on summer break and sleeping in for three months; etc. For the early Christians, there were any number of habits they needed to let go of when they decided to follow Jesus, and this was a struggle for them. The Apostle Paul often addressed these struggles in his epistles. For example, the church in Corinth clung tightly to their culture's love of power and wisdom, and thus struggled to serve and be humble, as Christ commanded. Paul had to make them understand that, in Jesus, God tipped the world upside down. God continues to turn our lives upside down; and we, too, are reluctant to let go of the ways of the world so we can follow Christ. Join us Sunday for a time of fellowship and worship, as we continue to learn how to follow Christ more faithfully. We'll see you at First!

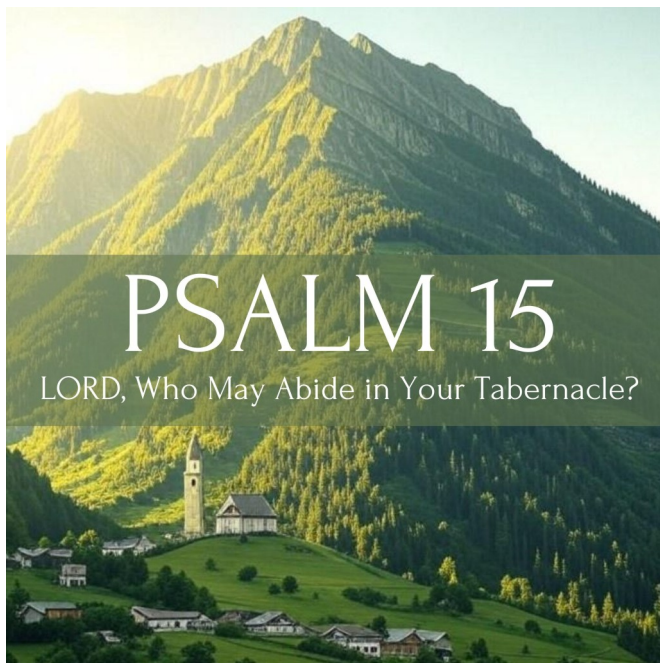
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Scripture Reading

Psalms 15

“O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.”



PSALM 15

LORD, Who May Abide in Your Tabernacle?

I Corinthians 1:18-31

“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your inheritance in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’”



Prayers & Praises

February 1, 2026



O for a World

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Bangladesh

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Ron Hile
- Debby Ortega
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Cec Burkhart, who continues to recover at home from a broken hip after several falls.

Prayers for Ron Hile. He has returned home after a stay in the hospital and Eastmont after several falls.

Prayers for Debby Ortega. She is home after surgery on her arm following an accident in a parking lot where she was hit by a vehicle.

Prayers for Bob Throop. He is home after a stay at the Heart Hospital and is doing Cardiac Rehab. He will have a procedure to place a second lead into his pacemaker to help his heart function better on Feb. 25th.

Prayers for Jim Christ as he continues to gain strength with cardiac rehabilitation.

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. They both have health issues.

Prayers for Katelyn Long. Katelyn is continuing to work with a specialist.

Friends:

- Laurie Aufdemberge, Kristi Bowker's sister, *prayers as she faces breast cancer again*.
- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health*.

Our Timothy:

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

In the Nebraska Region: Seminarians and those Training for Ministry

"Gracious and loving God, we pray for peace and stability in Bangladesh. We pray for the patience and perseverance of all sections of society as they go through this transition in political leadership and the administration of this country, and for everyone to resist the urge to seek revenge and retribution. At this time, we pray for a peaceful, fair, transparent, and participatory national elections that are scheduled to be held on February 12, 2026. We pray that the government leaders will have wisdom, courage, and compassion as they navigate these challenging times. Give them divine guidance to help them make decisions leading to reconciliation and healing. Amen."

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