

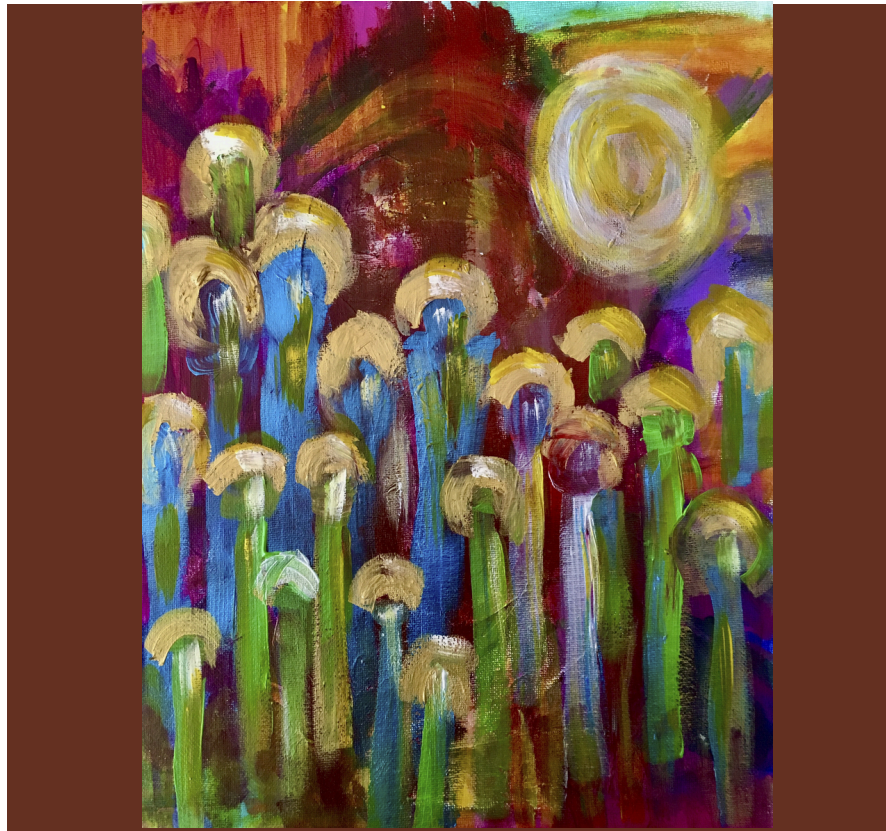


WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

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Community Prayer

O God, your Spirit speaks through your prophets, protecting your people from those who would lead them astray. Raise up new voices in our time to speak with justice and power and to challenge the complacency that would have us rest easily with sin. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Many: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Many: Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Sermon

From Brody Van Roekel

1 John 3:1-3

Who am I actually?

We Welcome Brody Van Roekel to the Pulpit

This week our guest preacher is Brody Van Roekel. Brody currently serves as the director of Atlas Lincoln, attends Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK, and is under care for ordination in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He serves as a Chaplain Candidate with the Nebraska Army National Guard. Living relationally has always been central to Brody's life, and he finds purpose in meaningful, diverse connections. Passionate about reaching marginalized populations, he is driven to empower others with hope and the tools for lasting change.



Order Your Poinsettias for Christmas 2026

Once again we would like to decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to help make this possible, please complete this form.

Name: _____

Number of plants (\$15 each): _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In Memory of: _____

or

Honoring: _____

Deadline to order is Sunday, November 15, 2026

You may pick up your plant(s) after the 6 pm Christmas Eve worship service

_____ Plant for Homebound _____ Would be willing to deliver to Homebound

Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check, made out to First Christian Church, or mail to the FCC office (ATTN: Donna Ruhl).

Scripture Reading

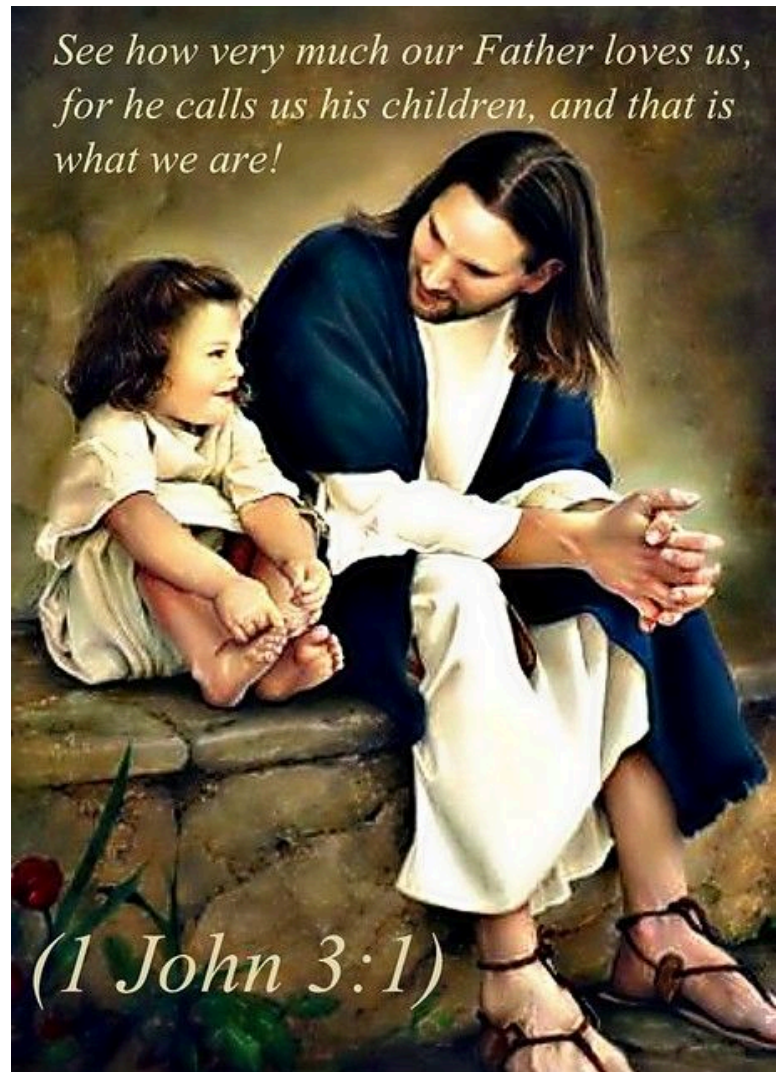
Revelation 7:9-17

“After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.’ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’ ”



1 John 3:1-3

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”



Prayers & Praises

November 1, 2026



In Our Church

Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- John Burkhart
- Joan Dietrich
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Sympathy for Rhonda Ball in the death of her brother-in-law Tom McBride and *prayers for her son, Andy Ball*, recently diagnosed with bladder cancer and is receiving treatment.

Prayers and sympathy for Elaine Parman, in the death of her brother Ed Gilmore.

Prayers for Rev. Bruce Frogge, Stephanie Frogge's brother, who has been diagnosed with a serious bone marrow disease. Further genetics testing is in progress to determine type and treatment plan.

Prayers for Jim Christ's nephew, Dennis Christ, who has been moved to a hospital in San Francisco, CA, for further testing on the infectious disease he is battling.

Prayers for healing for Vince Ortega's sister, Linda De Los Santos, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Prayers for Marvin and Phyllis Thurber, who have moved to Salt Creek Senior Living.

Prayers for Diane Zabokrtsky's mom, Elaine Clayton, who was in the hospital and has returned home.

Prayers for John Burkhardt, who is recovering from heart rhythm issues.

Prayers for Cec Burkhart for continued healing.

Prayers for Bob Throop for the sale of his former home before the end of the year.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek as he looks for a job.

Prayers for Jessica Stehlik-Vocasek for her health issues.

Prayers for Katelyn Long for continued healing and strength.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health*.

Our Timothy

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

In the Nebraska Region: Chaplain/Spiritual Care Coordinator - Tom Williamson

Song of the Week

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-
fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their
one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We
feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are
one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast, through gates of pearls streams
in the countless host, singing to Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!



Our Global Ministries in: Afghanistan

"God, we pray for families who have come home to a land they barely know, for the girls who wait, year after year, for school doors to open, and for women whose learning, work, and movement are restricted. Keep their hope alive, sustain their courage, and open new paths for learning and livelihood. Amen."

For more information and stories
about our Global Ministry partners
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NOVEMBER

Call to Confession

One:

We know how easy it is to do exactly the opposite of what we learn from our Teacher, Jesus. So, let us draw near to our God, for in confessing our failures, we will discover the grace and mercy God has in store for us. Join me as we pray together, saying:

Prayer of Confession

Many:

When we come to the edge of your holiness, God of Love, we have to confess how we have not lived as your children. We dam up for ourselves your rivers of love, while the lives of those around us turn into deserts of loneliness. We follow the ways, and the teachings, that are easy, because we won't be inconvenienced for you. Forgive us, Listener of our hearts. By your patient grace, give us strength to practice our calling to discipleship, so we might learn all we need to live as the beloved of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Good News of God's Grace

One:

Listen, my friends! The Good News is that God is in our midst—moving, forgiving, renewing, restoring.

Many:

This day, we choose: to live with hope, to share God's grace, to tell of God's goodness in our lives. Thanks be to God. Amen.



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