First Christian Church

Weekly Worship

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

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Community Prayer

God of the covenant, even when we fall into sin, your Spirit invites us to remember that you chose us to be your servant people. Awaken us to the power and gifts you pour into us for the good of creation, and grant that we may be trustworthy in all things, producing abundantly as we work to build your realm. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

Many: Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.

One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

Many: Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.

One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

Many: Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.

One: Let us worship together this day!

Sermon

From The Reverend Brad Hindsley

Matthew 25:14-30

Good and Faithful

We Welcome the Rev. Brad Hindsley to the Pulpit

This week our guest preacher is the Reverend Brad Hindsley Brad grew up on a small farm in LaPorte, Indiana, where he developed a lifelong passion for food and cooking. He earned degrees in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management, an MBA, and a Master Certified Food Executive designation, while also studying culinary arts in Florence, Italy. His culinary career spans fine dining, catering, hospitality, and higher education, including serving as Division Chair of Culinary Arts at Robert Morris University. In 2017, Brad answered a call to ministry, earning his Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 2020 and subsequently serving as a pastor in southern Indiana. After several years of involvement with Kamp Kaleo, he joined its leadership team in 2023 and was ordained and installed as Executive Director and Camp Minister in May 2024.



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

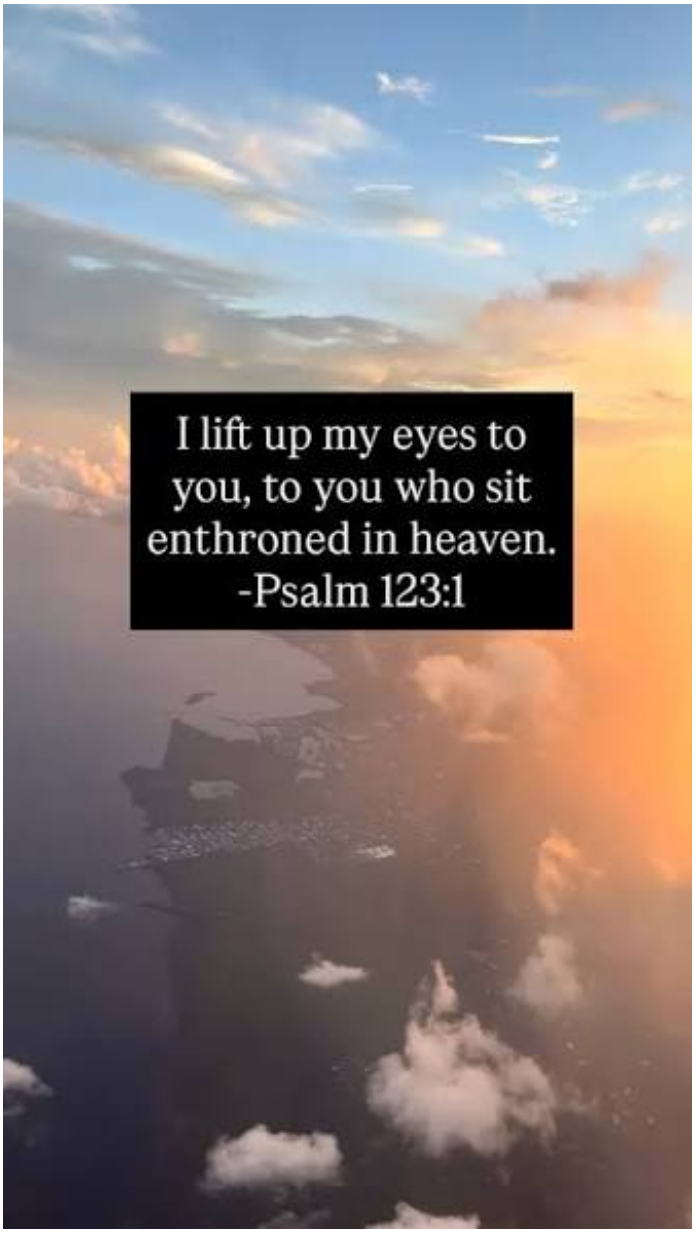
____ Plant for Homebound _____ Would be willing to deliver to Homebound

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

Psalm 123

"To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud."



Matthew 25:14-30

" 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ' "

Prayers & Praises
November 15, 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 to the Foster family in the recent deaths of parents John and Ann Foster.

Prayers for Rhonda Ball's son, Andy Ball, recently diagnosed with bladder cancer and is receiving treatment.

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 Burkhart, 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: Center on Church in Mission



Song of the Week

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.



Our Global Ministries in: Dominican Republic

"Heavenly Father, bring unity among communities, wisdom to those in positions of responsibility, and compassion to all who can help others. May justice, honesty, and kindness guide decisions that affect people's lives. May Your blessings rest upon the Dominican Republic. Amen."

For more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners visit www.global ministries.org

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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