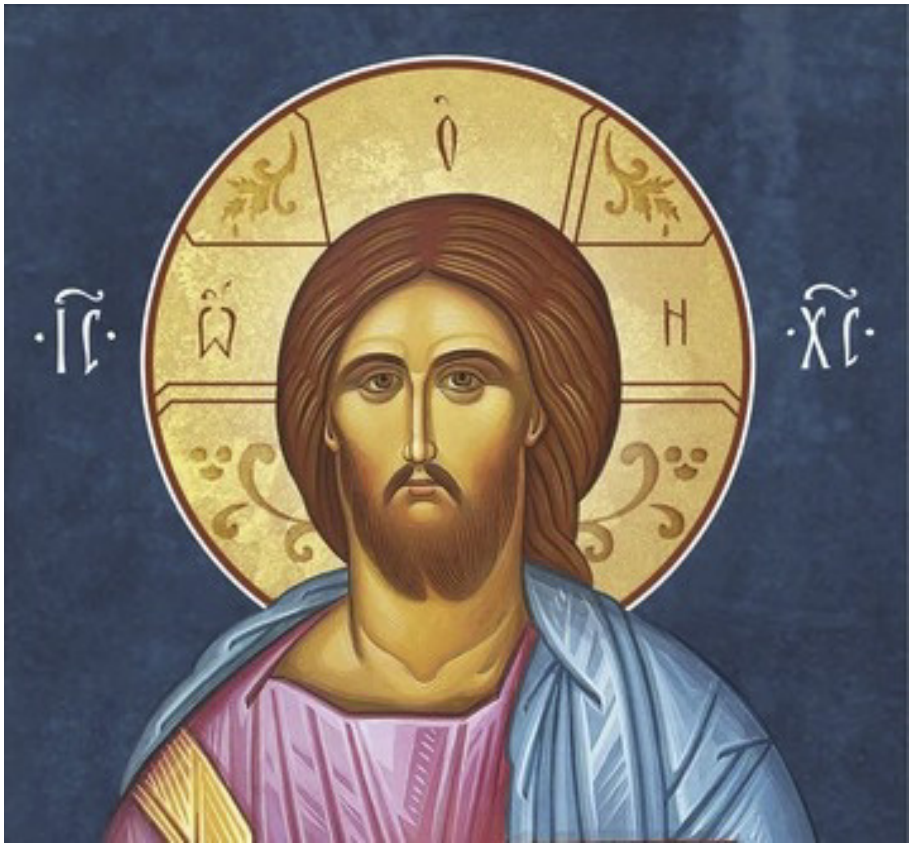
First Christian Church

Weekly Worship

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

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Community Prayer

Lord God, your power was revealed when you raised Christ from the dead and seated him at your right hand. Grant that we may always give you thanks for your immeasurable love and show that gratitude in loving service to all our brothers and sisters through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Many: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Many: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Sermon

From Pastor Rachel Johnson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Rethinking Servant Leadership, the Shepherd who is also King.

We Welcome Pastor Rachel Johnson to the Pulpit

This week our guest preacher is Pastor Rachel Johnson: Rachel Johnson is a commissioned minister of the Christian Church in Nebraska. Rachel's journey as a Disciple began at youth group at Edmond Trinity Christian Church in Oklahoma. She attended Phillips University, then graduated with a psychology degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. While serving as a worship leader at Southview Christian she completed the ELM program. She is currently in her 19th year of service as the Religious Coordinator at the Lincoln Regional Center, a state psychiatric hospital. In addition to providing weekly worship services she organizes events on mental health awareness and hospital history. When not on the front row of a rock concert you'll find Rachel cruising the aisles of local thrift stores or showing off photos of her kids.



Song of the Week

Now Thank We All Our God



Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blesssed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

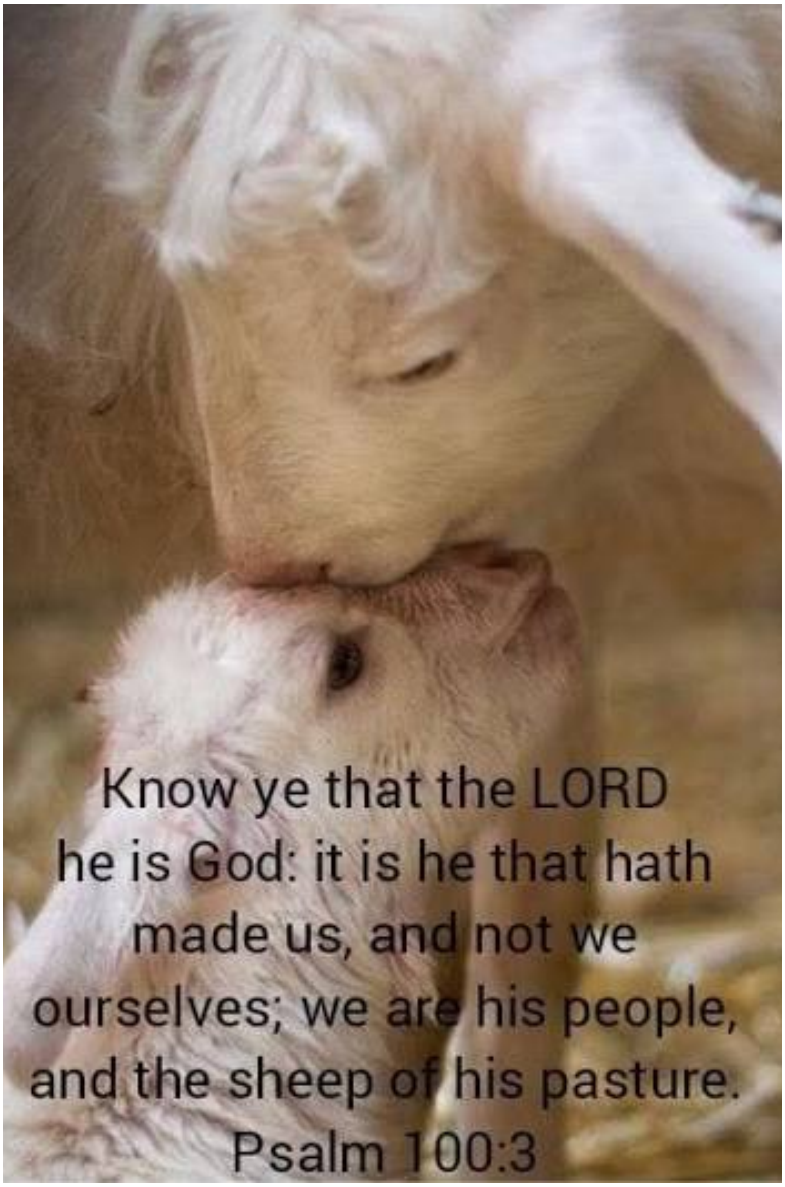
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."



Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

"For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken."

Prayers & Praises
November 22, 2026

In Our Church

Family:

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

Prayers for Ron Hile, after a visit to Bryan Hospital last Saturday he is now at Hillcrest Firethorn for rehab. He is having a lot of pain issues.

Prayers for Elaine Clayton, mother of Diane Zabokrtsky, who suffered a stroke and is now back home receiving therapy.

Prayers for Sheryl Stanley, Kristi Bowker's sister; she suffered a stroke and is dealing with other health concerns.

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 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.
- Kelly, mutual friend of Donna Ruhl & Elaine Parman, prayers for her 19 year old son Hendrix who is dealing with undiagnosed heart issues.
- Cece Robinson, mutual friend of Stephanie Frogge & Elaine Parman, her 19 year old son Mason Krupka was killed in a car crash in Lincoln last week.

Our Timothy

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

In the Nebraska Region: Disciples Colleges, Universities & Seminaries

Our Global Ministries in: Zimbabwe

"Heavenly Father, may peace and unity prevail across every community in Zimbabwe. Grant the nation's leaders the integrity, discernment, and wisdom needed to guide the country toward economic recovery, justice, and righteousness. Amen."

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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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