



# **First Christian Church**

(Disciples of Christ)

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Third Sunday in Lent Installation of Pastor Dennis J. Stitch March 12, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cora Russell

# The People of God Assemble

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Cora Russell

LEADER: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings peace and forgiveness.

PEOPLE: Yet we dwell in the midst of doubt and fear.

LEADER: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings hope and healing. **PEOPLE: But we persist in our ways of stubbornness and greed**.

LEADER: Jesus, come among us once more and bring us your word of Peace.

PEOPLE: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to receive your healing Word. Amen.

\*SONG OF PRAISE #57 in the Master Chorus Book Let's Just Praise the Lord (2 x's)

\*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER Cora Russell Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as 'tis in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever. Amen

\*PRAISE RESPONSE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #142
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN #258 (all verses)

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER Cora Russell

## The Service of the Word

CHOIR ANTHEM Director, Sherry Erdely "Here I Am, Lord," arr. Stan Pethel

\*SCRIPTURES Rev. Dr. Thad Allen Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42 NRSV

This is God's Word for the people of God!

RESPONSE Thanks be To God!

SERMON Rev. Dr. Thad Allen

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR DENNIS J. STITCH** 

OFFERING REMINDER Cora Russell

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** 

#### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## The Service of the Table

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Thad Allen

**COMMUNION HYMN** 

#283 (all 3 verses)

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

PRAYERS FOR THE LOAF AND CUP

Elders

\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## Going Forth in Love and Service

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/WELCOMING NEW

MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Thad Allen

\*HYMN OF INVITATION

# 274 (verses 1,2,4,5)

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Thad Allen

### **BLESSING FOR THE MEAL**

## (\*) Those who are able please stand.

Please join us after worship in our social hall celebrating our love and support for our newly installed pastor, Dennis J. Stitch. He is such a blessing to our church. We are already seeing how great his ministry and outreach skills are.

Thank you to our regional minister, Rev. Dr. Thaddaeus Allen for being with us this Lord's Day.

#### CAMP LAURELVIEW

It's that time again.....Camps at Laurelview.

Yes I know there is snow on the ground and the temperature is below freezing, but the camp dates are set for Laurelview and we want you to put them on your calendar.

The church will help with young people who attend FCC with the cost of a week at camp, but if you have a grandchild, niece or nephew or neighbor who would like to go to camp or needs to go to camp, you can send them. If you are able, and don't have a specific youth in mind, you can sponsor a camper. They may not be from our church, but still any child that needs Laurelview Christian atmosphere up on God's Holy Mountain may still go. Here are the dates for 2023. ~ Cora

#### **CORRECTIONS TO DATES AND AGE GROUPS**

Chi Rho – June 18-June 24 (incoming 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>) CYF Conference – June 25-July 1 (10<sup>th</sup> grade – New Grad.) Family Camp - July 6-9 Junior Camp - 16-22 (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) Mini Camp - July 23-26 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

## 2023 General Assembly, July 29 - August 2, Louisville, KY

#### **JOYS**

- The birth of Adelyn Marie Risch, February 17, 2023, 8 lbs. 1 oz., 19 ½ inches. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Taryn Grant. May God bless sweet Adelyn.
- Rev. Doug Bush (City Mission) received the Lewis E. Waller Humanitarian Award. There is a newspaper article on the bulletin board about the award.

**PRAYER LETTERS** can be signed in person. They are located in the narthex. Leave Margie D'Antonio a prayer request address (in the spiral book) and she will send a prayer letter. Please print clearly. A prayer letter just might make someone's day. God bless.

**Birthdays:** 3/12- Mike Erdely and Pam Rice, 3/13- Larry Lincoski, 3/14- Delia McCurdy, 3/17- Colin Santo

Anniversaries: None this week!

### PANERA BREADS/PASTERIES

Pastor Stitch will deliver theses to the church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. **March 19**<sup>th</sup> will be this month's delivery date. See a need. Fill a need.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODILS – Betty Jo placed the daffodils' order. The daffodils will be delivered sometime during the week of March 20. Make checks payable to First Christian Church!

TRI-COUNTY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER – MARCH 16, 2023, REGISTRATION 5:30 PM, HYMN SING – MUSIC BY JODY MULLIS, DINNER 6 PM AT FAIRHILL MANOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 351 MONTGOMERY AVENUE, WASHINGTON, PA 15301. MENU: CHICKEN, PARSLEY POTATOES, VEGETABLE MEDLEY, ROLLS/BUTTER, VARIOUS DESSERTS – COST \$10/PERSON

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON, MARCH 19, 2023, SPONSORED BY THE GOOD NEWS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

# Today's Bulletin Cover is in honor of Mike Erdely's Birthday. Given by: Wife Sherry

# Serving the Church Today

Minister

**Elders** 

Worship Leader

Organist/Pianist/Director

Rev. Dr. Thaddaeus Allen

Cora Russell

Sherry Erdely

Deb Caldwell Dennis Caldwell

Greeter(s)

Debbie Colvin

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## STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

If you happen to miss a Sunday, please don't forget that our lights are still on, the furnace and air conditioner are still in use, the custodian has cleaned the church, and the bills still need to be paid. Please remember to make up your pledge/offering. Thank you.

## **ELDER'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND**

This fund was established for ACTIVE MEMBERS of our church who have financial emergencies and may need help with food, rent, car repairs, utilities, etc. ACTIVE MEMBER MEANS REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH AND/OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH. Two requests per calendar year only from January-December will be considered. NO CASH IS GIVEN!

If you have a need, please contact Paula Barndollar or Diane Rusak.

BULLETIN COVER REQUEST SHEET (IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, FRIEND, or OCCASSION) is available. SIGN UP SHEET AND PAYMENT ENVELOPE (\$10) ON TABLE OUTSIDE THE NARTHEX. Please write or print clearly. Envelopes available for your payment.

#### UNDER LONG-TERM CARE

Our Leaders*	Marlene Celaschi*	Sophia Renk*
Our Troops*	Ellis & Darla White*	Betty Jo Matesich*
Our Church*	Bill & Garnet Krutz*	Nancy Lessman*
Universities*	Rocky Renk*	Sherry Ballentyne*
<i>Grace</i> <i>Vandernitte</i> *	Father Bob Hanna*	Kristin Colvinl*
Justin Sutch*	Missy Pendleton*	Miley Ava Delval*
Karin Brightwell*	Young Bruce Pendleton*	Grethen & Tom Speece*
Lila Risch*	Alicia Hruby*	Sarah Matay*
Bertha Zollars*	Jack Sharp*	Gage Peters*
Lois Buberniak*	Hannah Simpson*	Cindy Buckley*
Michael Erdely*	Laverne Giordanengo*	Dave & Chrissy Zoltun*
Tanner Riley*	Patty Strychalski*	Mike Shingleton*
Jessica Beimel*	Terri Brownfield*	Richard Evans*
Heather Simpson*	Victor Angelo*	Debbie Colvin*
Small Businesses*	Christian Colleges*	Mary Jo Short*
Brian Stillwagon*	Bob Gilpin*	Margie D'Antonio*
Joe & Betty Jo Rapp*	Karl & Dorothy Semekoski*	Sam & Jane Semekoski *
Bre Randolph*	Tonya Kepich*	Mae Lynn Rose*
Andrew DeBroeck*	Jesse & Joseph Bird*	Connie Siranni*
Rudy Guy*	Matt Sezawich*	Senia Lowther*
Gene Kite*	Rev. Doug Bush*	Rev. Chuck House*
Ingri Humphrey*	Betty Draganac*	Rich Graham*
Jake Hurley*		

Sympathy and concerns for the family and friends of Dorothy Baxter (Sherry Erdely's Aunt), age 98, who passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

- \* Miley Delval transported by ambulance to Children's hospital for pressure in her chest. Thanking God that it was only anxiety issues and not her heart. She still has her vasovagal syncope diagnosis.
- \* Andrew DeBroeck has started his two phase chemo and will have it every other week and will not lose his hair.
- \* For Chris Sekora, 42 yrs. old, just had his 4 brain tumor surgery. He is going blind. Requested by: Aunt Nancy Swingle from Texas
- \* For Dan and Mary Ann Beagle. Mary Ann had an extremely bad fall and landed on her face. No broken bones; however, she had a 2<sup>nd</sup> fall. She is Joey DeMoss's (from Sierra Catholic) grandmother.
- \*For our dear friend facing end of life issues who took a turn for the worse on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Requested by: Paula, Mary and Joe.
- \* For Terry Brownfield experiencing severe pain from fibromyalgia.
- \* For Jo Hicks scheduled for a complete abdominal rebuild.
- \* Kathy Haney recovering from knee surgery. Requested by: Betty Jo
- \* For Sue Hanna, Father Bob's wife, who has a bleeding ulcer and esophageal ulcers. Prayers for healing.
- \* For Tony Gaisbacher has been placed on hospice. Please pray for comfort for Tony and Judy.

Prayers for healing, strength, comfort, love, compassion and decisions: (from last month's concerns) – please call church office to remove or update. Thank you!

- \* Keith Heh, Pastor Randy's nephew
- \* Rev. Heather Simpson
- \* Zack Black
- \* Dee Hall
- \* Rich Hall
- \* Dave
- \* Rich Hardy
- \* Tye & Melissa Marks
- \* Nate Stanchfield
- \* Elaine Petro
- \* Mary Kathryn Manella (Valerie's mom)
- \* Eugene Marricini (Valerie's dad)
- \* Jen Shirley
- \* Diane Rusak
- \* Darla Bodnar
- \* Bill Krutz

# TODAY: SUNDAY, March 12, 2023

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 3/12

10:40 AM Elders' prayer before worship

10:45 AM FCC Worship Service

7:00 PM CAMA Lenten Worship Service – St. Mary's

Anglican - Deacon Michael Brigode

Monday 3/13

6:00 PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday 3/15

6:00 PM FCC Choir Practice

Thursday 3/16

7:00 PM I.O.O. F. Men's Fellowship

Friday 3/17

7:00 PM Movie Night – Social Hall

Sunday, 3/19

10:40 AM Elders' prayer before worship

10:45 AM FCC Worship Service

Noon Soup & Sandwich (Sponsored by the Good News

Sunday School Class)

7:00 PM CAMA Lenten Worship Service – Charleroi United

Methodist Church - Pastor Dennis Stitch

#### **Unified Giving Update (2023)**

**Offerings** 

Current Fund \$ 2,486.47

Missions/Outreach \$83.53

Attendance (In Church)
Facebook Live
Conference Call

Welcome this morning to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Charleroi, where God's **GRACE** reigns. We are...**G**od-centered, **R**espectful, **A**ccepting, **C**ommunity-oriented and **E**ncouraging