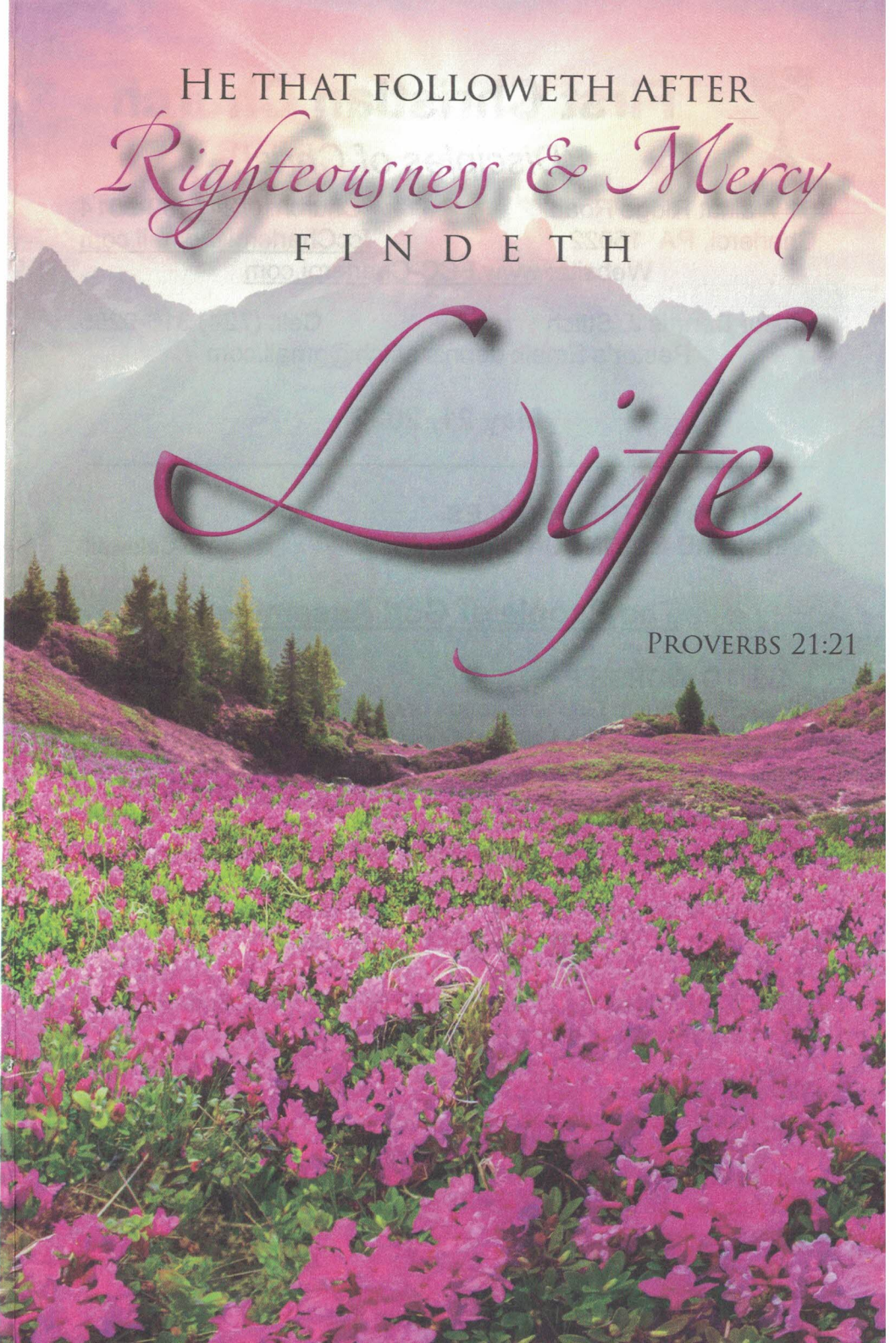


HE THAT FOLLOWETH AFTER
Righteousness & Mercy
F I N D E T H

Life

PROVERBS 21:21





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May 21, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

The People of God Assemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

PEOPLE: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

LEADER: God has made us whole.

PEOPLE: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

LEADER: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

PEOPLE: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymnal #118 (verses 1, 2, 4)

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

***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 it is 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 SONG

#57 Master Chorus Book

"Let's Just Praise the Lord"

PRAYER OVER JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Dennis

The Service of the Word**CHOIR ANTHEM**

Sherry Erdely

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed" with "That My Life and Let It Be", Lloyd Larson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Pastor Dennis

***SCRIPTURE**

Pastor Dennis

1 Kings 2:6 and 9 NKJV

⁶Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace.

⁹Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless, for you *are* a wise man and know what you ought to do to him; but bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood."

This is God's word for the people of God.

RESPONSE**Thanks be To God!****SERMON****"What's in your heart? "**

Pastor Dennis

OFFERING REMINDER**COLLECTION OF OFFERING**

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

***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

Pastor Dennis

COMMUNION HYMN

#481 (All 3 verses)

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

PRAYERS FOR THE LOAF AND CUP

Elders

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Going Forth in Love and Service

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Dennis

***HYMN OF INVITATION #211(Master Chorus Book verses 1,2,3)**

"Listen"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Dennis

May God's peace be with you.
May God's peace be with me.
May God's peace be with us.

***CLOSING PRAYER** Numbers 6:24-27

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;
25 The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
26 The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace
27 So they will put my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

(*) Those who are able please stand.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Graduate Sunday, June 7, 2023 – during worship
- FCC Movie Night – Friday, June 16, 2023, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Panera Bread – Sunday, June 18, 2023
- Sunday, June 25, 2023 – Honoring ALL men of the church – Pot Luck Brunch/Lunch – sponsored by the women of the church for ALL men

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS (Deb in Ohio – May 22 thru May 26). Thank you to Nancy Lessman, Sue Latour, Mary Lou Lachman and Cora Russell who have volunteered to be in the office. God bless your service to the church. Thank you for filling my need to help out my grandchildren

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLEROI UNITED METHODIST CLOTHING/SHOE DRIVE + TOWELS/WASHCLOTHS: Many in our area are in need of the above items. You may delivery your items to the church on Thursdays from 11 AM – 2 PM or Pastor Randy will come to pick-up these items if transportation is a problem for you.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness

CAT RESCUE MISSION

Brian & Linda Stone (724-231-3067) have started a cat rescue ministry in N. Charleroi. They help with sick and abandoned kittens, along with many stray cats; they get them spayed and/or neutered along with their basic shots. They are requesting assistance with food and litter. To help this kind family in their ministry, you may donate by way of a gift card to a pet supply store or Walmart. However, if you donate litter or food, you may bring it to the church and the family will be called.

Thank you for your donation(s). God bless you for your spirit of giving!

UNDER LONG-TERM CARE

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

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. ~ Psalm 29:11

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know I in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ~ 1 Corinthians 13:12

To shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. ~ Luke 1:79

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *Shelby Kostelac who is dealing with many health concerns relating to cancer. He is 46 yrs. old. Please pray for Shelby, wife Jessie and daughter Olivia. Requested by: Kristin Colvin
 - *Rich Graham from Laurelview isn't doing very well
 - *Kathy Latour's cancer has returned and she has to start chemo again.
 - *Joan (Joni) Caldwell, Jim's sister-in-law, had a stroke with left sided partial paralysis. Pray for healing and rehabilitation.
 - *John Robin "Sluggo" Leonard had a reaction (hives) to a new chemotherapy drug they administered. Requested by: Paula
 - *Pastor's Aunt Alice Hymen is in the hospital and her daughter Donna is also ill.
 - *Bill Krutz and all the patients on his floor have COVID.
 - *Pastor Andrew Roberts, friend of Pastor Dennis from San Antonio, TX, had open heart surgery on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.
 - *Margie's great nephew had a seizure while waiting to have a test. The test had to be delayed. This is his second seizure. Prayers are needed. Requested by: Margie
 - *Deanna Shingleton (Cheryl's daughter & Kristin's sister) who has liver cancer. Pray that the surgery goes well.
 - *Harvey Dunmeyer's chemotherapy started Wednesday, May 10. Requested by: Gary Dunmeyer
 - *ALL VETS that served during the Vietnam War which officially ended on April 30, 1975. God bless those who served and God's grace for those who died. Thank a Vet today! Requested by: Tom Griffith
 - *Ward Stillwagon (Cora's nephew) is having a hip replacement surgery on Monday, May 1, 2023. Requested by: Cora
 - *Mary Mannella had MRI in hospital and received favorable results.
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SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS

- *For the family and friends of Ron Bobby who passed away.
- *For the family and friends of Janet L. Rotolo (Linda & Dawn Lapinsky's cousin) who passed away on May 9, 2023. Requested by: Linda Lapinsky
- *For the family and friends of Gerald D.'Jetters' Stasicha who passed away with cancer on May 5, 2023. Requested by: Bob Grant
- *For the family and friends of Mark Kovalchak who passed away with cancer on May 9, 2023.
- *For the family and friends of James Smith. Requested by: Pastor
- *Barron (Anita Towler Burton's son) had a heart attack in Hawaii and passed away suddenly this past week. Barron was her only son. Please pray for traveling mercies, comfort, strength and healing. Requested by: Vivian Horner

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: May 22 – Rob Waggoner; May 26 – Ashley Rice;
May 28 – Paula Barndollar

Anniversaries: May 23 – Mark & Karin Brightwell

PANERA BREADS/PASTRIES

Pastor Stitch will deliver these to the church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. **June 18** will be the next delivery date.

2023 General Assembly, July 29 – August 2, Louisville, KY

CAMP LAURELVIEW

Chi Rho – June 18-June 24 (incoming 7th, 8th and 9th)

CYF Conference – June 25-July 1 (10th grade – New Grad.)

Family Camp - July 6-9

Junior Camp - 16-22 (4th, 5th and 6th)

Mini Camp - July 23-26 (1st, 2nd and 3rd grade)

THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL AND 911 MEMORIAL TRAVELING WALL EXHIBIT

June 15th thru 19th, 2023

Hosted by Roscoe Sportsman's Veterans Appreciation Com.

**Location: Roscoe Sportsmen's Association
1069 Sloan Lane
Coal Center, PA 15423**

**OPENING CEREMONY WITH CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
Friday, June 16th, 2023 - 8:00 PM**

*Today's Bulletin Cover Is In
Loving Memory of Jim Arnold.
Given by: Wife Linda*

Serving the Church Today

Minister
Worship Leader
Organist/Pianist/Director

Pastor Dennis J. Stitch
Deb Caldwell
Sherry Erdely

Elders

Cora Russell
Paula Barndollar

Greeter(s)

Ernie Horner

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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 OCCASION) is available. SIGN UP SHEET AND PAYMENT ENVELOPE (\$10) ON TABLE OUTSIDE THE NARTHEX. Please write or print clearly. Envelopes available for your payment.

TODAY: SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 5/21

10:40 AM Elders' prayer before worship
10:45 AM FCC Worship Service – Pot Luck Brunch

Monday 5/22

6-8 PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday 5/23

6:30 PM FCC Choir Practice (final practice)

Sunday 5/28

10:40 AM Elders' prayer before worship
10:45 AM FCC Worship Service – Pentecost & Memorial Sunday

Monday 5/29

Memorial Holiday
Office Closed

Unified Giving Update (2023)

Offerings

Current Fund 5/7 \$4,118.65
5/14 \$2,965.39

Missions/Outreach 5/7- \$138.35; 5/14 - \$99.61

Date	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Attendance (In Church)	59	72		
Facebook Live	12	7		
Conference Call	1	1		

Welcome this morning to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Charleroi, where God's **GRACE** reigns. We are...God-centered, Respectful, Accepting, Community-oriented and Encouraging