

A wooden crate filled with red apples and green leaves, set against a blurred green background. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, cursive font.

*incline
thine
ear
unto
wisdom*

PROVERBS 2:2



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August 13, 2023 – Baptism Sunday

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: Christ our Lord united his followers together in Christian love.

PEOPLE: His presence makes our fellowship a happy experience.

LEADER: When Christ is our life, our fellowship takes on the nature of Christ, we experience unity, love and humility toward one another.

PEOPLE: May Christ live in us, that we may be like him.

*SONG OF PRAISE--Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? My hand will save.

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

Deb Caldwell

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

GLORIA PATRI

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.

PRAYER HYMN

Hymnal, #399, all 4 verses

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

*****Baptism of Damare Brough**

SONG

Love Lifted Me

1. I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me—
Now safe am I.

Refrain:

**Love lifted me,
Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me;
Love lifted me,
Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.**

2. All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too,
To Him belongs. **[Refrain]**

3. Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be—
Be saved today. **[Refrain]**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deb Caldwell

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Dennis

PASTOR DENNIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

The Service of the Word

***SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 1:26 NKJV

Pastor Dennis

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over [a] all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

SERMON

"TRINITY"

Pastor Dennis

OFFERING REMINDER

OFFERING COLLECTION

***PRAISE 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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

The Service of the Table

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Dennis

COMMUNION SONG

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

PRAYERS FOR THE LOAF AND CUP

Elders

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor Dennis

Going Forth in Love and Service

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

Hymnal, page 92, all 4 verses

“The Solid Rock”

***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**

JOYS CONTINUED:

* For Terri Brownfield for her first part time job in 11 years. Praise God.

* For Dennis Caldwell released from the hospital for the last time, we hope, with a final diagnosis of prostatitis. He will be on antibiotics for 6 weeks. Praise God.

PRAYER CONCERNS

* For Buddy Greco, husband of Tammy Greco, is having a procedure to relieve pain in his back on Tuesday. Requested by: Tammy Greco

* For Lila Mears, sister of Sherry Ballentyne, having health issues and medical tests the week of August 7th. Requested by: Sherry and Ken Ballentyne

* For Ed Yuhas who has health concerns. Requested by: Judy Gaisbacher

* For Emily Denny, Wil Weaver's grandmother, diagnosed with colon cancer which has spread to her liver. Emily will see an oncologist in September for more information. Requested by: The Colvin Family

* For Joe Wojick with serious health concerns. Requested by: Mike and Sherry Erdely

* For Tom's French Bulldog Peanut. She is losing her eyesight. Requested by: Tom Griffith

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>Ken & 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>Jane Odroneic* Mike Erdely's Mom</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>Deanna Shingleton*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Richard Evans*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>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>Josh Cramer*</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>Adelyn Risch*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Lauren Snyder*</i>	<i>Mary Mannella* Valerie's Mom</i>
<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>	<i>Tammy Monack*</i>

JOY

*Congratulations to Remington Lessman, son of Jeff of Debbie Lessman, who was the first recipient of the Dr. Charles E. Stacey Commuting Student Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 was presented by the Donora Public Library Board of Directors. Remington will be commute to Penn State Fayette in the fall and will study Business Administration.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Begins on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM**. Any one that would love to be a part of FCC choir, please join us on the 23rd as we will be making a joyful noise to our Lord. Sherry Erdely is our organist, pianist and director.

DEACON INFORMATION – Sue Latour

- Two deacons will serve every Sunday.
 - Outside services are on the first & third Sundays in August & September (weather permitting). If not, deacons are needed inside.
 - If the sanctuary is really crowded on Sundays, we may need more deacons to step up.
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BLESSING OF THE PETS, Sunday, September 17, 2023, 2-3 PM

ALL pets must either be on a leash OR in a carrier.
Bring your furry family members for a blessing and a treat.



SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS

* For the family and friends of Helen Gootee, Sue Latour's Mom, who passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Her girls were so good to her and, also, her son-in-law Chuck Freyer and Bill, too!

* For the family and friends of Kenneth Lee "Ken" Kibler, who passed away on Monday, July 31, 2023.

* For the family and friends of Amber Beaman, daughter of Christine Frolo Owings, who passed away at 5 AM on 8/6/23 of complications fighting cancer. Amber's mom is a co-worker of Tom Griffith.

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice." –Isaiah 42:3

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.

Birthdays: Aug. 12 – Malcolm Callery, Aug. 13 – Dawn Billy, Sean Cole, Sr., Aug. 14 – Dawn Lapinsky, Joella Pendleton, Aug. 17 – Anthony Cramer, Aug. 18 – Debra Lessman
Anniversaries: Aug. 16 – Lawrence & Theodora Harris

THE FURNACE FUND – Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) which meets here at FCC on the 1st and 3rd Thursday, has graciously offered to pledge/donate \$36,000.00 to our furnace fund provided the congregation can match their donation from June through September.

SAVE THE DATES

- Car Show, **Saturday, September 16, 2023** (weather permitting), Noon till 4:00 p.m. – Rain date would be September 23, 2023. Car show admission \$5.00 – Spectators free.
Featuring D J Frankie Day (AM 770/FM 97.5 KFB), Great food, ½ the Take and Chinese Auction.
Contact Ernie & Viv Horner at 724-350-9598
- Vendor & Craft Show, **Saturday, October 14, 2023**, 10 AM – 4 PM at First Christian Church, 61 Walnut Ridge Rd., Charleroi. Vendor tables are 8' long. And an application and \$25 is needed to secure a spot. For more information, please email Heather Cramer at heather.lynn.2372@gmail.com

Serving the Church Today

Minister
Worship Leader
Organist/Pianist/Director

Pastor Dennis J. Stitch
Deb Caldwell
Sherry Erdely

Elders

Mary Valla
Debbie Colvin

Greeter

Nancy Lessman

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 on most days.

Follow us on Facebook at First Christian Church, Charleroi, PA, or join us on the web at www.FCC-Charleroi.com.

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.

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.

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.

TODAY: SUNDAY, August 13, 2023

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 8/13

10:40 AM

10:45 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library
FCC Worship Service
Baptism of Damare Brough – Pastor's Nephew

Thursday 8/17

7:00 PM

I.O.O.F. Men's Fellowship

Friday 8/18

7:00 PM

Movie Night – Social Hall

Sunday 8/20

10:40 AM

10:45 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library
FCC Outdoor Worship Service – Pavilion
Weather permitting – those with health issues
may meet in the sanctuary.

Back to School Supplies will be given out. Please
bring your book bag and receive school supplies.

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8/14 thru 8/18 10:30 AM – MEALS – ON-
WHEELS THANK YOU TO BETH HUGHES AND ALLEN RITCHEY FOR
YOUR SERVICE – SUPERB DEDICATION**

Unified Giving Update (2023)

		<u>Offerings</u>
Current Fund	8/6/23	s2,337.48
Missions/Outreach	8/6/23	\$ 78.52

Date	8/6/23
Attendance (In Church)	74
Facebook Live	8
Conference Call	1

Today, Damare Brough, Pastor's nephew, was baptised. A very special moment for both.

We are so blessed to have 2 baptisms in the month of August. Praise the Lord!