



**HAPPY
LABOR DAY!**





First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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September 3, 2023

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deb Caldwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymnal #5, all 3 verses

Morning Has Broken

***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 SONG

Hymnal, #430, 2 verses

“Reach Out to Jesus”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns) Deb Caldwell

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Dennis

PASTOR DENNIS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES



The Service of the Word

SOLO

The Savior is Waiting

Candy Callery

***SCRIPTURE**

Romans 12:3 NLT

Pastor Dennis

3- Because of the privilege and authority [a] God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. [b].

SERMON We're in this “TOGETHER”

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 OFFERING

THE SERVICE of the TABLE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMN—Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
(Hymnal, #422, verses 1, 2, 4, 5)**

PRAYER FOR THE LOAF AND CUP

Elders

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GOING FORTH In LOVE and SERVICE

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/WELCOMING NEW
MEMBERS**

***SONG OF INVITATION—Listen----Master Chorus Book #211**

***BENEDICTION**

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.

(*) All who are able, please stand.

JOY

* For Danielle, Laverne Giordanengo's granddaughter, is currently cancer free at her 9 month check-up.

* For Tammy, whom we have prayed for with her cancer diagnosis, is now cancer free! Praise God! Requested by: Candy

PRAYER CONCERNS

- * For my mom Mary Mannella who is in the hospital due to an infection
- * For my Aunt Connie, 94 yrs. old, fell and broke her hip. She is recovering in the hospital. Requested by: Terri Brownfield
- * For Zavier and Sarah as they report back to college. They are asking for prayers of strength and a great year! Requested by: Zavier Chambers
- * Mary Valla's friend and co-worker, Donna whose son passed away suddenly this past week. Requested by: Mary Valla
- * For my nephew's dog, Cooper who became paralyzed. Prayers for healing so he doesn't have to put Cooper down. Requested by: Margie
- * For Chuck Moreland who tore his muscle and has a hematoma. He is at home recovering. Requested by: Wife, Lorelei
- * Continued prayers for Mike Lee. Requested by: Garnet
- * For Jim Mosco whose tractor overturned on him and broke his leg. Requested by: Garnet
- * For Raymond Smith who fell at home and broke his arm in two places. Requested by: Lawrence & Theodora Harris
- * For the people of Maui – Requested by: Mary Valla
- * For my Grandma. She's been very sick and needs the Lord now more than ever. Requested by: Zavier Chambers
- * For my future Mother-in-law Linda Gramsky. She needs the awesomeness from you all sent her way. She needs lots of prayers. Requested by: Sarah Stitch
- * For Justin Sutch –While fighting cancer for 3 years, he now has a life threatening brain tumor and will be having surgery in the coming week. Requested by: Tammy Greco and Diane Rusak
- * For our friend Liza in TN was recently diagnosed with mesothelioma (lung cancer). Requested by: Paula Barndollar
- * For Buddy Greco, husband of Tammy Greco, had a procedure to relieve pain in his back on Tuesday, Aug. 15th. 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 my daughter Laurie Calloway for health concerns and for my son John Fisher and our family. Requested by: Betty Fisher

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHARLEROI BBQ AT
514 FIFTH STREET, CHARLEROI, PA, is sponsoring a BBQ event on
Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 12 Noon in the church parking lot.
TAKE-OUTS ONLY!

eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:28-31

SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS

* For the family and friends of Brigitte Lazzari who passed away Wednesday, August 30th due to a lengthy battle with sepsis.

* For the family and friends of Florence Shimchick (105 yrs. old) who passed away on August 24th. This is Becky Caldwell's great aunt. Florence would have been 106 in October. Request by: Deb

* For the family and friends of Frank "Frankie" Gogol (45 yrs. old), who passed away suddenly on August 17th. Requested by: The Colvin Family, Paula Barndollar and Mary Valla.

* For the family and friends of Albert Protin who passed away on August 16th.

* For the family and friends of Jack Cox who passed away on August 12th.

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.



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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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>Joe Wojick*</i>
<i>Emily Denny*</i>	<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Mike Lee*</i>

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like

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: Sept.4 – Sherry Ballentyne and Nathan Miller, II,
Sept. 5 – Kent Downer, Sept. 8 - Jeremy Snipes, Sept. 9 – Gary Gray,
Sept. 10 – Marjorie D'Antonio, Linda Waggoner, Breanna Hartman and
Jacob McCurdy

Anniversaries: Sept. 5 – Jeff & Lee Ann Patton, Sept. 7 – Joe & Mary
Valla, Sept. 10- Ernie & Vivian Horner

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
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FCC CHOIR PRACTICE – 6:30 p.m., in the choir room. When Cantata practice starts, Cantata practice is at 6:30 p.m. followed by FCC Choir practice at 7:45 p.m.

Serving the Church Today

Minister
Worship Leader
Organist/Pianist/Director

Pastor Dennis J. Stitch
Deb Caldwell
Sherry Erdely

Elders

Cora Russell
Paula Barndollar

Greeters

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.

TODAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 9/3

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library

10:45 AM

FCC Worship Service Outdoor – weather permitting

Monday 9/4

Labor Day – Office Closed

Wednesday

6:00 PM

Pot Luck Picnic – Bring a covered dish – Hot dogs and beverages provided

6:30 PM

Choir Practice – in the choir room

Thursday 9/7

7:00 PM

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

Sunday 9/10

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library

10:45 AM

Sanctuary Worship

Elders' Meeting After Worship

Unified Giving Update (2023)

		<u>Offerings</u>
Current Fund	8/6	\$ 2,337.48
	8/13	2,159.46
	8/20	2,771.89
	8/27	2,300.71

Missions/Outreach	8/6	\$ 78.52
	8/13	72.54
	8/20	93.11
	8/27	77.29

Date	8/6,	8/13,	8/20,	8/27
Attendance (In Church)	74	74	60	58
Facebook Live	8	10	11	7
Conference Call	1	1	1	1
