



be patient
toward
all men

1 Thessalonians 5:14



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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September 17, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymnal #595, all 3 verses

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

***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 SANCTUARY (Sing Twice)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns) Deb Caldwell

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor Dennis

ANTHEM Sherry Erdely

"I Love You, Lord," arr. Stan Pethel

PASTOR DENNIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

The Service of the Word

***SCRIPTURE Psalm 133:1 NLT Pastor Dennis**

*1 How wonderful and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in harmony!*

SERMON UNITY

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

Pastor Dennis

COMMUNION HYMN Hymnal # 417, All 4 verses
"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

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—Spirit Song #53 Master Chorus**

***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.

FCC CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., in the choir room.

When Cantata practice starts on Oct. 18th, they will sing from 6:30-7:45 PM followed by FCC Choir practice at 7:45-8:30 PM. – New voices are welcomed!

* Continued prays for Rosanne for healing of her back and walking issues and for traveling mercies for her and her husband in October as they travel to Florida in their motorhome.

* For my great-niece, Whitney who had a baby daughter six weeks ago was released from her job at Penn Highlands Mon Valley Hospital. She is a single mother providing for her daughter. Prayers of Hope!

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH LADIES 21st FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9AM-2:30 PM, Guest speaker: Gayle Stahlman – TRUTH BE TOLD: Angels, Heaven and Your End Story. Cost: \$20 registration fee (due Sept. 30th).

Price includes coffee and doughnuts at 9 AM and a hot catered luncheon.

Dress casual and come expecting a blessing from the Lord!

Make checks payable to “Calvary Bible Church” and return to:

Colleen Buchanan, 325 Pennsylvania Ave., N. Charleroi, PA 15022.

After the 9/30 cutoff date, please call Barb Robison at 724-565-5536.

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the “Car Show” in many ways. And to all those that donated baskets, gift certificates, baked goods, food supplies, water, pop, car plaques, door prizes, trophies.

To all that helped with the set-up, clean-up, cooking, and any other jobs that needed finished.

Hope I have not forgotten anyone! If I did please forgive me.

Thank you Vivian and Ernie for your “Car Show” dream as a fund-raiser.

JOY

Kelly Weaver received the “Angel Among Us” award at Washington Hospital. Award is given across all Washington Health System from employee to employee for exceptional work. Requested by: Her very proud parents, Doug & Debbie Colvin

SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS

* For the family and friend of Jane Odroneic (Mike Erdely’s Mom) who passed away on September 8, 2023

* For the Oler family – loss of Fred”Buzzy”, beloved father of Nancy & Cindy and beloved uncle of Mary. Requested by the Barndollar and Valla families

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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PRAYER CONCERNS

* For Willa Wittenberg for healing. Requested by: Pastor Dennis

* For Melanie Griffith who will be having a biopsy on her lung September 20th. Melanie is dealing with many health issues. Requested by: Tom Griffith

*For Cheryl Blair who suffered a fall a few weeks ago. The doctor thinks she has a fractured pelvis. She is having a CT this week to confirm. She is in a lot of pain.

* For my sister, Carol Crynick, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease this past week. Requested by: Dawn Billy

* For Viola Cleo Bradshaw who needs healing and Cordelia Vogel who needs healing and lifted up in prayer.

* Thank you for the prayers for Laura Jane Amodei who had kidney surgery and it went well. She is in a nursing home recovering. Submitted by: Lorelei Moreland

* For Pastor Jackie Butler who needs healing power of God for her body. Requested by: Pastor Dennis

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>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>

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." -John 15:13

"The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."-Numbers 6:25-26

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.

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. 18 – Bill Latour, Grace Vandernitte, Linda Arnold and Sydney Cole,
Sept. 23 – Pastor Dennis

Anniversaries: Sept. 20 – Sean, Sr. and Denise Cole,
Sept. 22 – Doug and Debbie Colvin, Sept. 23 – Will and Kelly Weaver

SAVE THE DATE

- **Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 8, 2023**
A Pot Luck (Covered Dish) Luncheon immediately after worship to say thank you to our pastor. There will be a decorated baskets for your notes and cards!
- 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

***The Bulletin Cover is in Honor of Our 50th
Wedding Anniversary on September 22nd.
Thank You Lord – It's Been Wonderful!
Given by: Debbie & Doug Colvin***

Serving the Church Today

**Worship Leader
Organist/Pianist/Director**

Deb Caldwell
Sherry Erdely

Elders

Mary Valla
Debbie Colvin

Greeter(s)

Anyone

Deacons

George Hogan
Diane Gray

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.

TODAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 9/17

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library

10:45 AM

FCC Sanctuary Worship Service

Monday 9/18

6-8 PM

Girl Scouts

Wednesday 9/20

6:30 PM

Choir Practice – in the choir room

Thursday 9/21

7:00 PM

I.O.O.F Men's Fellowship – Social Hall

Sunday 9/24

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library

10:45 AM

Sanctuary Worship

Blessing Box Donation & Reconciliation Offering

2-3:00 PM

Blessing of the Pets

Unified Giving Update (2023)

Offerings

Current Fund	9/3	\$ 2,210.74
	9/10	2,254.27
Missions/Outreach	9/3	\$ 74.26
	9/10	75.73
Date	9/3, 9/10	
Attendance (In Church)	60	45
Facebook Live	7	7
Conference Call	1	1
