

COLOSSIANS 3:2

*Set your affection on  
things above*





# First Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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**October 29, 2023**

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## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deb Caldwell

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

**PEOPLE: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.**

LEADER: Yet God is with us.

**PEOPLE: All around us there is fear and hopelessness.**

LEADER: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

**PEOPLE: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope**

### **\*SONG OF PRAISE – (# 17 Master Chorus Book)**

**We Are So Blessed**

### **\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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 #404 (4 verses)**

**“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Joys and Concerns) Deb Caldwell

**PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Pastor Dennis

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“My Jesus, I Love Thee,”** by Featherstone, Gordon & Lund

**PASTOR DENNIS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

## **The Service of the Word**

### **\*SCRIPTURE**

**Nehemiah 6:1-3 NKJV**

Pastor Dennis

6:1 Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, [a] Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were nobreaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates), 2 that Sanballat and [b] Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come, let us meet together [c] among the villages in the plain of Ono.” But they thought to do me harm.

3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?”

**SERMON**

**2<sup>nd</sup> W – WORK**

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 OFFERING

## THE SERVICE of the TABLE

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Dennis

### COMMUNION SONG—I Will Serve Thee (#152 Master Chorus Book)

### PRAYER FOR THE LOAF AND CUP

Elders

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## GOING FORTH In LOVE and SERVICE

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

### \*HYMN OF INVITATION HYMNAL#614 (verses 1, 3, 4, 6) "For All the Saints"

### \*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.**

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**Note of Thanks:**

To Our Beautiful Christian Church Family,

Thank you for making our special day on Pastor Appreciation Sunday so very special. The cards, gifts and blessings warmed our hearts. May God's favor shine upon you.

Pastor Dennis & Valerie Stitch

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE THE NOVEMBER EDITION ARE **PAST DUE!!** THE NOVEMBER EDITION MAY BE A LITTLE LATE.

ANY ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION FROM OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 ARE NOW **PAST DUE!!**

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As you exit the sanctuary turn to the right and down that hallway you will find the 2024 budget report and the slate of officers for 2024. Your elders approved both of these items at an emergency meeting held after worship on October 22, 2023. This will be what the congregation needs to approve at the congregational meeting on November 12.

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Special thank you to Margie D'Antonio who has been sorting through 30 boxes of religious books from Elizabeth Fisher. Please take these books. Read them, keep them or pass them on to someone else. Spreading God's word in a good way.

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**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM – DEADLINE NOV. 19, 2023**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – 6.5” POT – COST: \$8.50**

Please indicate how many of each poinsettias and who it is in memory of or in honor of in space provided.

**PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE ORDER.**

Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Monet (Pink Shade) \_\_\_\_\_ Pink Peppermint \_\_\_\_\_

Jingle Bells (Red with Specks) \_\_\_\_\_ Burgundy \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of:

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In honor of:

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**Total \$ amount included** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **“First Christian Church”**  
Please place in church office or offering plate. Thank you!

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- \* Lewiston, Maine for the victims, family and the active shooter as the manhunt continues to find him. Sixteen known deaths and many with multiple injuries. Requested by: Pastor Dennis & Valerie
- \* Mary Lou's daughter in Italy Laurie Garman has been diagnose with pancreatic cancer. Requested by: Mary Lou
- \* Grace's sister Betty Smith fell and broke her hip, had surgery and is recovering. Requested by: Betty Jo
- \* Betty Jo's Brothers friends JR & Amy have COVID. Prayers for recovery and healing. Requested by: Betty Jo
- \* Alvin Taggart's Sister Linda Johnson fell and broke her hip.
- \* My best friend Charmal Makosvsky having open heart surgery on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Requested by: Marla Gould
- \* Denny & Jim's cousin David Caldwell needs his aortic valve replaced.
- \* Prayers for our brother Ron Williams having his other hip replaced within a year on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for healing and pain relief. Requested by: Debbie Colvin & Sandy Cramer
- \* My friend Dylan Thompson and his entire ship that was deployed on October 20<sup>th</sup> for the Middle East. Requested by: Anthony Cramer & Family
- \* My brother Robert Garrett who has strep throat. Requested by: Garnet
- \* The Dykin's Family for health concerns. Requested by: Margie

## **JOYS**

- \* Our son Aaron is getting married on Thursday, October 19, 2023. May Aaron & Amanda have a beautiful life with God leading the way! Pastor Dennis & Valerie
- \* Charleroi Girls Volleyball made the playoffs! First time in 10 yrs!  
Requested by: Mary Valla
- \* Our cousin Arnold Tarpley III just got signed with the Atlanta Falcons practice team this past week. He was a defensive player with the Pittsburgh Maulers out of Canton, Ohio this past season. Requested by: Mary Ann Hunt and the Harris'.

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## **Sympathy and Concerns**

- \*For the family and friends of John Paterra who passed away this week.

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"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing is holy ground." –Exodus 3:5

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. –Philippians 4:19

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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 &amp; Darla White*</i>	<i>Betty Jo Matesich*</i>
<i>Our Church*</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Garnet Krutz*</i>	<i>Nancy Lessman*</i>
<i>Universities*</i>	<i>Rocky Renk*</i>	<i>Ken &amp; 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>Joseph Wojcik*</i>	<i>Grethen &amp; Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Lila &amp; Adelyn 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Karl &amp; Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Sam &amp; Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Jesse &amp; 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. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Betty Draganac*</i>	
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Lauren Snyder*</i>	<i>Mary Mannella* Valerie's Mom</i>
<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burriss*</i>	
<i>Emily Denny*</i>	<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Mike Lee*</i>

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. —Isaiah 58: 11 NKJV



**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!!! Thank you

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**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.

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### **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.

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**Birthdays:** Oct. 30 – Deb Caldwell, Nov. 1 – Sean Cole, Jr.,  
Nov. 3 – Leigh Ann Patton

**Anniversaries:** Nov.1 – Ken & Sherry Ballentyne,  
Nov.2 – Philip & Tracey Hermann, Nov.4 – Jeff & Debbie Lessman

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### **SAVE THE DATES**

On November 12, 2023, immediately after worship, there will be a **congregational meeting**, followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon provided by the Good News Sunday school class.

Also, during worship, Adelyn Risch will be dedicated to God. She is Taryn and Bob Grant's granddaughter.

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On November 18, 2023, 6-8 p.m. you are invited to First Christian Church for a men's fellowship evening with none other than the Pirates all-time great, Mike, "The Hit Man" Easler. Come, meet and greet Mike and fellowship with others. Tickets: \$25.00

Ball park type food will be served. **COME & ENJOY!!!**

***The Bulletin Cover is in Honor of  
My 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday on October 30th!  
Given by: Debbie Caldwell***

**Serving the Church Today**

<b>Minister</b>	Dennis J. Stitch
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Deb Caldwell
<b>Organist/Pianist/Director</b>	Sherry Erdely
<b>Elders</b>	Tom Griffith Taryn Grant
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Allen Ritchie
<b>Deacons</b>	Valerie Stitch Beth Hughes

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Welcome this morning to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Charleroi, where God's **GRACE** reigns. We are... God-centered, Respectful, Acepting, Community-oriented and Encouraging on most days. On other days, we try harder to be a better Christian. Be strong in the LORD! Love one another!

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**Follow us on Facebook** at First Christian Church, Charleroi, PA, or join us on the web at [www.FCC-Charleroi.com](http://www.FCC-Charleroi.com).

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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.

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# TODAY: SUNDAY, October 29, 2023

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday 10/29

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library

10:45 AM

FCC Sanctuary Worship Service

### Monday 10/30

6-8 PM

Girl Scouts

### Wednesday 11/1

6:30 PM-7:45PM

Cantata Practice – Community Choir

7:45 PM-8:30 PM

FCC Choir Practice – in the choir room

### Thursday 11/2

7:00 PM

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

### Sunday 11/5

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library

10:45 AM

FCC Sanctuary Worship Service

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – TURN CLOCKS  
BACK 1 HOUR BEFORE BED ON 11/4 SO YOU  
WON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH!**

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## Unified Giving Update (2023)

### Offerings

#### Current Fund

10/1      \$ 2,586.13

10/8      2,278.46

10/15     2,831.87

10/22     1,915.65

#### Missions/Outreach

10/1 - \$86.87; 10/8 - \$76.54;

#### Date

10/1; 10/8; 10/15; 10/22

#### Attendance (In Church)

59    71    61    61

#### Facebook Live

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#### Conference Call

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