



THANK YOU,  
VETERANS



# First Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

61 Walnut Ridge Road  
Charleroi, PA 15022

Church: (724) 489-9014  
Pastor's Cell: (724) 316-9255

Pastor Dennis J. Stitch

Pastor's Email: [dennis.stitch@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.stitch@gmail.com)  
Church's Email: [fcccharleroi@gmail.com](mailto:fcccharleroi@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.FCC-Charleroi.com](http://www.FCC-Charleroi.com)

## November 5, 2023 – Veterans' Sunday

---

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: What do you bring before the Lord this day?

**PEOPLE: We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord.**

LEADER: What do you seek?

**PEOPLE: We seek peace for our weary souls.**

LEADER: You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal #690 (all verses)

**"America, the Beautiful"**

### \*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 SONG-Majesty-Master Chorus Book #33-all verses**

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

## **PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS** Pastor Dennis

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

**"I Will Heal Their Land," Tom Fettke**

## **PASTOR DENNIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

### **The Service of the Word**

#### **\*SCRIPTURE** Nehemiah 4:17-23 Pastor Dennis

17 Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon.

18 Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

19 Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated far from one another on the wall.

20 Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

21 So we labored in the work, and half of the men held the spears from daybreak until the stars appeared.

22 At the same time I also said to the people, "Let each man and his servant stay at night in Jerusalem, that they may be our guard by night and a working party by day."

23 So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes, except that everyone took them off for washing.

**SOLO** "MY HELP" sung by Anita Towler Burton

**SERMON** **WARFARE** 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 HYMN** Hymnal #679, (all 4 verses)  
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

**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-Change My Heart, O Lord**

## **\*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.**

---

**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.**

---

## **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER: SPONSORED BY:**

**"CAMA"- CHARLEROI AREA MISSION ASSOCIATION**

**When: November 23, 2023**

**Time: 11:00 A.M.to 1:00 PM**

**Where: First Christian Church**

**61 Walnut Ridge Road**

**Charleroi, PA 15022**

**\*\*\*ALL MEALS ARE PICK-UP OR DELIVERY ONLY\*\*\***

**DEADLINE TO ORDER, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>!!! Please call Mary Ord (412-780-6484) or Paula Barndollar (412-841-2561). Be sure to state your name, address, phone # and the number of meals requested.**

**FOR ALL SENIORS OR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SHARE A HOLIDAY MEAL!**

**Sign-up sheet on table in the narthex**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:**

---

---

---

---

**In honor of:**

---

---

---

---

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

Make checks payable to **“First Christian Church”**

Please place in church office or offering plate. Thank you!



## 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>

## SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT DINNER FOR JUSTIN SUTCH

**When:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 – 12-6 pm

**Where:** First Christian Church, 61 Walnut Road, Charleroi, PA 15022

**Cost:** \$12/ticket – Eat-in or Take-out

**Contact:** Tammy Greco 724-231-4303 or Mary Oler 724-207-3506





## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- \* Traveling mercies for my cousin Mark & family going to Egypt on November 1, 2023. Requested by: Betty Jo
  - \* Prayers for Ford, a 6 year old from Pittsburgh battling neuroblastoma and undergoing recurrent treatments due to a 3<sup>rd</sup> relapse. Requested by: Christine Wilkinson
  - \* Kristen Capp received a new diagnosis of breast cancer, and starting chemotherapy. Requested by: Christine Wilkinson
  - \* Debbie Colvin is having an endoscope on Monday morning. Prayers for a good outcome.
  - \* Kristin Colvin has some health concerns. Requested by: Mom & Dad
  - \* 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. **UPDATE: Shooter was found dead with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.** Requested by: Pastor Dennis & Valerie
  - \* Mary Lou's daughter in Italy, Laurie Garman, has been diagnosed 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. **UPDATE: Linda is in ICU, not eating or drinking fluids. Urgent prayers.**
  - \* My best friend, Charmal Makosvsky, is 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. **UPDATE: Ron's surgery went well and he thanks us for our prayers.** 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 and Amanda were married on October 19, 2023. May Aaron & Amanda have a beautiful life with God leading the way! Pastor Dennis & Valerie
  - \* 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'.
-

**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

---

**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:** Nov. 11 – Kim Quinn, Nov. 12 – Robert Pepper, Jeff Patton

**Anniversaries:** None until December

---

### **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.

---

**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 Loving Memory  
Of My Wife, Sharon Griffith  
Given by: Tom Griffith***

**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>	Dennis Caldwell Kristin Blair
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Judith Gaisbacher
<b>Deacons</b>	Marla Gould Garnet Krutz Sue Latour

---

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. On other days, we try harder to be a better Christian. Be strong in the LORD! Love one another!

---

**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).

---

**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**



# TODAY: SUNDAY, November 5, 2023

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday 11/5

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library

10:45 AM

FCC Sanctuary Worship Service

### Monday 11/6

6-8 PM

Girl Scouts

### Wednesday 11/8

6:30 PM-7:45PM

Cantata Practice – Community Choir

7:45 PM-8:30 PM

FCC Choir Practice – in the choir room

### Thursday 11/9

7:00 PM

FCC Board Meeting – Social Hall – all are welcome

### Sunday 11/12

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library

10:45 AM

FCC Sanctuary Worship Service

Dedication of Adelyn Risch during worship

Congregational meeting & Good News Soup &

Sandwich Luncheon

---

## 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

10/29     1,272.26

#### Missions/Outreach

10/1 - \$86.87; 10/8 - \$76.54; 10/15 - \$95.13;

10/22- \$64.35; 10/29 - \$42.74

#### Date

10/1; 10/8; 10/15; 10/22; 10/29

#### Attendance (In Church)

59   71   61   61   63

#### Facebook Live

0   6   17   14   11

#### Conference Call

1   1   1   1   1

---