

*Happy
Thanks
Giving*



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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November 19, 2023 - Thanksgiving

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: We lift our eyes to the Lord.

PEOPLE: God created the heavens and the earth

LEADER: We raise our voices in songs and speech

PEOPLE: We raise our voices in prayer and praise.

LEADER: Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

PEOPLE: Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal #392 (all 4 verses)

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*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

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 #525 (all 3 verses)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns) Deb Caldwell

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Dennis

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Simple Thanks," Nancy Price & Don Besig

PASTOR DENNIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

The Service of the Word

***SCRIPTURE** Guest speaker Reverend Michael Anthony Easler

SERMON

Reverend Michael Anthony Easler

OFFERING REMINDER

Pastor Dennis

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 – Shine, Jesus, Shine

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 #387 (all verses)

“We Gather Together”

*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.

“I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new.” —*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

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!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA "Silent Was The Night," Lani Smith

Here, at First Christian Church, **Sunday Dec. 10th at 3 PM**, under the direction of Sherry Erdely, and accompanist, Becky Hoffmeister. This cantata affords an opportunity to capture the calm, quiet, celebration of Christmas. A time to reflect on the importance of Jesus' birth.

Immediately following the cantata, you are invited to a tasting party in the church's social hall. Thank you to all the choir participants for this wonderful event.

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT 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

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,

We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.

For each one, we are grateful.

For each one, we are blessed.

For each one we are opened to the
abundance of your love.

May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.

We praise you.

We rejoice in you.

We give you thanks.

Amen.

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>Joseph Wojcik*</i>	<i>Grethen & Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Lila & 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 & 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>Kelly Weaver*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Betty Draganac*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Lauren Snyder*</i>	<i>Mary Mannella*</i> <i>Valerie's Mom</i>
<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>	
<i>Emily Denny*</i>	<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Mike Lee*</i>
<i>Shelby Kostelac*</i>	<i>Lauri Garman*</i>	

“If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share.”
—W. Clement Stone.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- * Shelby Kostelac, who needs prayers for no cancer re-occurrence, and to be relieved of chronic back pain from surgery. Requested by: His wife, Jessica
 - * Kathy English, Mike's sister, needs a 2nd back surgery. Requested by: Chris & Mike Wilkinson
 - * Prayers work! My sister-in-law, CiCi through God's grace was alert, eating and breathing better yesterday!! Submitted by: Betty Jo
 - * Traveling mercies for my sister, who is coming on 11/23 from Maryland, and her daughter and her family and new baby coming on Friday, 11/17. Requested by: Betty Jo
 - * Please uplift in prayer, Tom Griffith, as he has heart surgery scheduled on Tuesday, Nov. 14 to have a pacemaker implanted, due to heart-stoppage during his sleep cycle.
 - * My daughter, Deanna, is having severe pain and the doctors can't seem to get it under control. She had an MRI on Friday and is awaiting test results. Requested by: Cheryl Blair
 - * Marla Gould is having an ultrasound on Friday, Nov.10. Praying for good results.
 - * Heather Roberts (Missy's Best Friend) who is dealing with domestic violence situation.
 - * Continued prayers for Ray Pappas dealing with on-going depression. Requested by: Missy
 - * Dan (Tyler Weller's father) diagnosed with bladder cancer. Requested by: Missy
 - * Prayers for Ford, a 6 year old from Pittsburgh battling neuroblastoma and undergoing recurrent treatments due to a 3rd relapse. Requested by: Christine Wilkinson
 - * Kristen Capp received a new diagnosis of breast cancer, and starting chemotherapy. Requested by: Christine Wilkinson
 - * **Update:** Biopsy (benign)! Praise God. Kristin needs on-going prayers. Requested by: Mom & Dad
 - * My best friend, Charmal Makosvsky, is having open heart surgery on Wednesday, October 25th. Requested by: Marla Gould
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JOY

- *Mary Lou will be traveling to her son's house in Harrisburg to see her daughter, Lauri. Traveling mercies, strength and love to all.
 - *For the beautiful time at the wedding reception for Emily & Nello Fossi, III. Submitted by: Jim & Deb Caldwell
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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.

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.

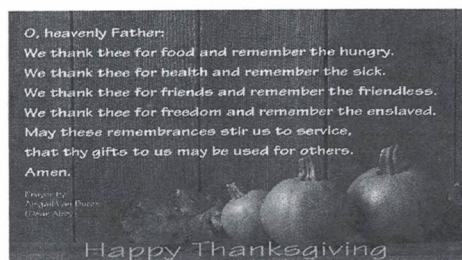
Birthdays: Nov.20 – Sherry Polinski, Nov. 21 – Missy Montgomery, Nov. 22 – Ernie Horner & Sherry Erdely, Nov. 24 – John Pfile, Nov. 25 – Jada Gernot

Anniversaries: None until December

THE EMPTY CHAIR SERVICE

Please join us in the church's sanctuary on Monday, December 4, 7 p.m. to fondly remember those who passed away this year and years of long ago. A time to reflect and feel God's presence. To love one another as we share our grief and loneliness.

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS, Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9 AM! Please decorate quietly!!



The Bulletin Cover is Memory of My Dad, Bill Schanck.

Given by: Sue Latour & Family

Serving the Church Today

Minister	Pastor, Dennis J. Stitch
Worship Leader	Deb Caldwell
Organist/Pianist/Director	Sherry Erdely
Elders	Debbie Colvin Diane Rusak
Greeter(s)	
Deacons	Vivian Horner Bob Grant

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.

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!!! Thank you

TODAY: SUNDAY, November 19, 2023

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/19

10:40 AM

10:45 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library
FCC Sanctuary Worship Service
Welcome Rev. Michael Anthony Easler to the pulpit.

Monday 11/20

6-8 PM

Girl Scouts

Wednesday 11/22

6:30 PM-7:45 PM

7:45 PM-8:30 PM

Cantata Practice – Community Choir
FCC Choir Practice – in the choir room

Thursday 11/23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sunday 11/26

10:40 AM

10:45 AM

Elders' prayer before worship in the library
FCC Sanctuary Worship Service

Unified Giving Update (2023)

		<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Missions/Outreach</u>
Current Fund	11/5	\$ 3,180.17	\$ 106.83
	11/12	1,845.00	59.96
Date	11/5; 11/12		
Attendance (In Church)	71	68	
Facebook Live	11	15	
Conference Call	1	1	

“You have turned my mourning into dancing for me. You have removed my sackcloth, and clothed me with gladness, to the end that my heart may sing praise to you, and not be silent. LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!” Psalm 30:11-12