



*Receive the  
Holy  
Spirit.*

John 20:22



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*(Disciples of Christ)*

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**MAY 19, 2024 - Pentecost Sunday**

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

"Assurance," Tom Birchwood

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deb Caldwell

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

**PEOPLE: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.**

LEADER: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**PEOPLE: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE #36 Renew Book - Words on the screen  
I Love You, Lord**

## **\*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 #161 (all verses)**

**"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"**

## **PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Pastor Dennis**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

**Sherry Erdely**

**"I Am His and He Is Mine"**

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

## **The Service of the Word**

### **\*SCRIPTURE**

**Ruth 1:16 & 17**

**Pastor Dennis**

<sup>16</sup> And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

<sup>17</sup> Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried:  
the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part  
thee and me.

**SERMON**

**LOVE**



**Pastor Dennis**

**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 -Chorus Book #152 Words on Screen  
"I Will Serve Thee"**

**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 #147 (all verses)**  
**“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**

**\*BENEDICTION**  
**May God’s Grace and Peace be with you ALWAYS!**

**\*CLOSING PRAYER** Ephesians 3:20 KJV  
Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

(\*) Please stand if you are able.

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO THE BI-REGIONAL MEETING “BETTER TOGETHER”: OCTOBER 17-18 (THURSDAY & FRIDAY) – First Christian Church, Washington, PA**

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**NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025, JULY 12 – 15, IN MEMPHIS, TN**

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**RUMMAGE SALE – JUNE 1 – 10 AM – 1 PM – 300 CHAMBER PLAZA, CHARLEROI PA – DONATIONS ARE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED! BENEFITS HOMELESS SHELTERS IN WASHINGTON AND WESTMORELAND COUNTIES! Questions? Contact Denise DeCooman at [ddecoom@sphs.org](mailto:ddecoom@sphs.org) or 724-489-9100, ext. 3192**

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**12<sup>TH</sup> PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY FOR REV. LEE A. HANEY & FIRST LADY BRENDA HANEY OF ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH, DONORA - SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024.** WE WILL BE HOLDING A “LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP” AT THE BACK PORCH RESTAURANT, SPEERS STREET, BELLE VERNON AT 1 PM. PRICE OF THE LUNCHEON IS \$42 PER PERSON. PLEASE CONTACT MARY DOTY (724-518-7257) OR CARLA DAVIS (724-684-7257) FOR YOUR RESERVATION AND MONEY. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH – PASTOR’S LUNCHEON.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- \* For Marilyn & Ken Whitson. He has pneumonia and she has upper respiratory problem. Requested by: Margie
- \* For Rose Wilkinson who is starting chemotherapy this week. Requested by: Mike & Chris Wilkinson
- \* For the Hutto Family in South Carolina (friends of Linda Robb) whose granddaughter went missing and found dead in a car. She was a mom of 3 young children
- \* For Mike who needs more tests on Monday for bad infection in his arm. Requested by: Mary Valla
- \* For Lori Burgess to be healed from cancer. Requested by: Roxanne Burgess.
- \* For a friend with pancreatic cancer.
- \* For Wes White who has multiple kidney stones in both kidneys. Requested by: Darla & Ellis
- \* For Linda and Garrin Billy who both have pneumonia.
- \* For Sherry Ballentyne who is showing improvement every day for some of her health issues. Praise God!
- \* For Abby (Trish Fleming's Granddaughter) who is in Children's Hospital.
- \* For Jim Caldwell who is having upcoming surgery on his left arm. Surgery will be done on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Praying for a successful surgery and healing.

## **WORSHIP NOTES:**

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## **JOYS AND PRAISES**

- \* Xavier Chambers has managed to get all A's this semester and making the dean's list. Xavier thanks everyone for all their prayers.
  - \* Sarah Stitch has managed to finish the semester despite the challenges; and she has been accepted into Duquesne's Paralegal Program in the law school.
  - \* Ethan Codeluppi (Scooter's grandson) graduated college and is working for Westmoreland County Sheriff's Dept.
  - \* Thank you for the cards and well wishes as we celebrate our 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Praise God! Given by: Pastor and First Lady
  - \* Madeline Erdely (Mike & Sherry's granddaughter) was at the National Cheer Competition in Orlando, FL and competed on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and their cheer team took 1<sup>st</sup> place.
  - \* My granddaughter Kayla is graduating Sum Cum Laude from IUP. She will be working in Hagerstown, MD as an environmental planner. Given by: Cheryl Blair
  - \* Jake Caldwell (Jim & Deb's grandson) graduated Magna Cum Laude from Penn State Behrend on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He has accepted a position with Bechtel in Monroeville.
  - \* Savannah Snipes has been accepted to Savannah College of Art & Design Rising Star Program this summer: Peer jury member for 2<sup>nd</sup> year for PA; National Honor Society
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## **Sympathy and Concerns**

\*For Jarod Smith's father who died from cardiac arrest. His father also had pancreatic cancer. Requested by: Sue & Bill

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# **CAMP LAURELVIEW 2024 SCHEDULE**

## **MAY 31 – JUNE 2: FAMILY CAMP – ALL AGES**

**JUNE 16 – JUNE 22: CHI RHO CAMP**  
**7<sup>TH</sup>- 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

**JUNE 23 – JUNE 29: CONFERENCE CAMP**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

**JULY 7 – JULY 13: JUNIOR CAMP**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

**JULY 14 – JULY 17: MINI CAMP**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADES**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**REGISTRATION: <https://Laurelview.org>**

**SEE YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN**

**QUESTIONS: EMAIL TASKFORCE @LAURELVIEW.ORG**

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**SAVE THE DATE - 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW (FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH) – August 17<sup>th</sup> (rain date, August 24) – 11 AM – 4 PM. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE COMING MONTHS.**

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**SAVE THE DATE – VENDOR CRAFT SHOW – First Christian Church, Charleroi, Saturday, June 15, 2024, 10 AM to 3 PM. Free admission, plenty of parking, handicap accessible! 50/50 raffle, auction basket raffle, kitchen open. Vendors and Crafter wanted!! For vendor information, please email [DLRUSAK325@OUTLOOK.com](mailto:DLRUSAK325@OUTLOOK.com) or [Heather.lynn.2372@gmail.com](mailto:Heather.lynn.2372@gmail.com)**



## **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>David Hanna*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Joseph Wojcik*</i>	<i>Grethen &amp; 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* (Mike &amp; Sherry's Son)</i>	<i>Karl &amp; Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Chrissy Zoltun*</i>
<i>Tanner Riley*</i>	<i>Mason Madzey*</i>	<i>Terri Fabrizio*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Melanie Slattery*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>
<i>Joe &amp; Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</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>Ed Yuhas*</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>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	<i>Lauri Garman*</i>
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>		

***The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning. – Lamentations 3: 23-24***

### **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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**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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**GREETER(S) SHEET** – Please sign-up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. You will need to be here by 10:30 AM. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you.

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**BIRTHDAYS:** May 19 – Bertha Zollars, May 22 – Rob Waggoner; May 26 – Ashley Rice

**ANNIVERSARY:** May 23 – Mark & Karin Brightwell and Mike & Heather Cramer

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*Today's Bulletin Cover is in  
Honor of Miley Delval. Happy Sweet  
Sixteen to Our Beautiful  
Granddaughter! She Celebrated Her  
Birthday on May Ninth!  
Given by: Nana & Pop Colvin*

### Serving the Church Today

**Minister**  
**Worship Leader**  
**Organist/Pianist/Director**

**Pastor, Dennis J. Stitch**  
**Deb Caldwell**  
**Sherry Erdely**

**Elders**

**Dennis Caldwell**  
**Kristin Blair**

**Greeter(s)**

**Allen Ritchey**

**Deacons**

**Garnet Krutz**  
**Marla Gould**

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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!

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# TODAY: SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday 5/19

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship

10:45 AM

FCC Worship Service

Luncheon after worship honoring the women of the church-served and prepared by the men of the church.

4:00 PM

Baccalaureate – CAHS Community Room

### Wednesday 5/22

6:30 PM

Choir Practice

### Sunday 5/26

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship

10:45 AM

FCC Worship Service

**Meals-on-Wheels 5/20 thru 5/24 – 10:30 Sr. Center in Charleroi**

## Unified Giving Update (2024)

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Missions/Outreach</u>
Current Fund	\$ 2,838.64	\$ 95.36
	\$ 2,515.50	\$ 84.50

Date	5/5	5/12
Attendance (In Church)	76	79
Facebook Live	11	12
Conference Call	1	1

**\*\*\* LAST SUNDAY FOR THE CHOIR IN THE SANCTUARY IS MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>. See you in the Fall!**