



Mark 4:35

Let us  
go over  
to the  
other  
side.



# First Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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**June 23, 2024**

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### PRELUDE

Sherry Erdely

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," by Loree

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

**PEOPLE: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.**

LEADER: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

**PEOPLE: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.**

**LEADER:** In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

**LEADER:** Today, we celebrate life in the Spirit, showing us the joy of following Christ.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** **HYMNAL #118 (all verses)**  
**“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

**\*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** **RENEW #167 (1 verse)**  
**“Surely the Presence of the Lord Renew”**

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

**PASTOR DENNIS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

# The Service of the Word

## **\*SCRIPTURE**

**Pastor Dennis**

### **Matthew 9:1-8 NLT**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus climbed into a boat and went back across the lake to his own town. <sup>2</sup> Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven."

<sup>3</sup> But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, "That's blasphemy! Does he think he's God?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus knew<sup>[a]</sup> what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? <sup>6</sup> So I will prove to you that the Son of Man<sup>[b]</sup> has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

<sup>7</sup> And the man jumped up and went home! <sup>8</sup> Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen. And they praised God for giving humans such authority.

**SOLO**

**Holy Forever**

**Anita Towler-Burton**

**SERMON**

**Your Sins Are FORGIVEN**

**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 HYMN

Hymnal #495 (all 3 verses)

“It is Well with my Soul”

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

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“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

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

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**SAVE THE DATE - 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW (FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH)** – August 24<sup>th</sup> (rain date, August 31) – Noon – 4 PM- **CAR SHOW ADMISSION \$10; REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10 AM** with free coffee & donuts! **Featuring music by: DJ Jerry Jericho**

Contact Ernie and Viv Horner at 724-350-9598 for more information.

**\*Proceeds benefit the church kitchen and the driveway fund.**

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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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**Father’s Day Celebration Luncheon will be held today after worship in the Social Hall.**

***Prepared and served by the women of the church.***

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## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

\*For Bill Krutz, who will be placed in hospice care. Requested by: Wife, Garnet

\*For our daughter, Amanda Spina, for healing of her meniscus. Requested by: Pastor and First Lady

\*For Betty Jo Matesich, general concerns. Requested by: Betty Jo

\*For Grace Vandernitte, having Intertrigo (rash) and sciatic nerve pain in both sides. Requested by: Betty Jo

\*For Linda Lapinsky, who fell and is in Mon Valley Hospital. Requested by: Ron Bird

\*For Declan and Elijah McCurdy and other Laurelview campers. May they have a safe and blessed week at camp. Requested by: Kristin Blair

\*For Vicki Matay Schirra (Vicki’s Mens Hair) who broke her shoulder two weeks ago and has a doctor appointment last Friday. Pray for shoulder healing so surgery not needed.

Requested by: Paula Barndollar

\*Traveling mercies for the Valla and Barndollar family as they travel to South Carolina next weekend. Requested by: The Valla Family

\*For Anne from Sam's Club, who is having four stents in her leg, Requested by: Sue Latour

\*For Sherry Ballentyne, who was discharged from Washington Hospital. Requested by: Pastor Dennis

\*For Bob Niccolai as his cancer has returned after several years of remission. Requested by: Judy Gaisbacher

\*For Chrissy Cardinale for glaucoma surgery. Requested by: Pam Smith

\*For the family of Mickey Smith Cox, who passed away in her sleep. Requested by: Pam Smith

For the family and friends of Mike Sevick, who passed away suddenly on June 12. Requested by: The Valla Family

\*Unspoken for someone with sugar that Sue met at Giant Eagle. Requested by: Sue Latour

\*For Chuck Bova, who is in Jefferson Hospital suffering with cancer and had part of his liver removed. Requested by: Linda Robb

\*For Ed Gould is in Jefferson Hospital, under observation, for high blood pressure issues.

## **WORSHIP NOTES:**

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# CAMP LAURELVIEW 2024 SCHEDULE

**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**

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## **JOYS**

- Michael Rusak's tests results are clear. Submitted by: Mom, Diane
- Nancy's ultrasound was good. Submitted by Lorelei
- Thank you to Sandy and Harold Cramer for the flower beds. Submitted by Sue Latour

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## **SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS**

\*For the family and friends of Herbie Horner, who passed away on June 7, 2024. There will be a viewing at Mount Sinai Baptist Church on June 26, from 10 am to 12 noon, with a service at noon with Dr. Rev. F. Diane Hobson. Interment will be at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Washington, PA.

\*For our dear friend, Helen Jackmon, who passed away last Wednesday night. Continue to pray for her family, Rev. Thomas Jackmon & five children. Requested by: Mom and Dad Harris



## 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>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>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Gene Kite*</i>	<i>Kelly Weaver*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	<i>Lauri Garman*</i>
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>	<i>Mike Wilkinson*</i>	<i>Missy Montgomery*</i>

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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:** June 26 – Juliana Kitzmiller, June 27 – Mark Brightwell

**ANNIVERSARY:** June 28 – Bob & Taryn Grant

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*Today's Bulletin Cover is in  
Loving Memory of Mom,  
Helen Stitch  
on her Birthday, June 26  
Given by: Pastor Dennis and Family*

## Serving the Church Today

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Pastor, Dennis J. Stitch</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Deb Caldwell</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist/Director</b>	<b>Sherry Erdely</b>
<b>Elders</b>	<b>Kristin Blair Diane Rusak</b>
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Marla Gould Garnet Krutz</b>

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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, Accepting, 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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### **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, JUNE 23, 2024

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday 6/23

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship

10:45 AM

FCC Worship Service – Celebration of Fathers Luncheon

### Sunday 6/30

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship

10:45 AM

FCC Worship Service

## Unified Giving Update (2024)

		<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Missions/Outreach</u>
Current Fund	6/2	\$ 2,818.33	\$ 94.67
	6/9	\$ 2,675.14	\$ 89.86
	6/16	\$ 3,035.05	\$ 101.95
	6/23		
	6/30		

Date	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30
Attendance (In Church	72	66	77		
Facebook Live	7	13	8		
Conference Call	1	1	1		

Wendy Vacation – June 14 – 30

Cora Vacation – June 9 – July 9