



*This is of a  
truth that  
prophet that  
should come  
into the world*

John 6:14



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**July 28, 2024**

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**PRELUDE** "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," by Robert Hughes

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Deb Caldwell

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Deb Caldwell

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** Renew #245 (all verses)  
"Awesome God"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** In the midst of strife, God is with us!

**PEOPLE:** Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.

**LEADER:** In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

**PEOPLE:** Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

**LEADER:** Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of 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 HYMN**

**Hymnal #457 (all verses)**

**"Take Time to Be Holy"**

## **PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Pastor Dennis**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

# **The Service of the Word**

## **\*SCRIPTURE**

**Pastor Dennis**

**Ephesians 6:15 KJV**

"and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

## **SOLO**

**"For All the World," Sandy Patty**

**Jenn Snipes**

## **SERMON**

**SHOES OF PREPARATION**

**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

Renew #232 (3 verses)

“There is a Redeemer”

### 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 #370 (all verses)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

### \*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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**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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**PLEASE PLACE completed PRAYER/JOY REQUEST SLIPS** to be read during the service in the basket near the Pastor's podium **before** the service begins. When the service begins at 10:45 AM, we are officially on Facebook.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \* UPDATE: Donna Manion Clark (Maria Durfey's friend) for a reoccurrence of kidney cancer. She will be seeing her oncologist on July 24. Continued prayers are needed.
- \* UPDATE: Prayer for Elma, (not Alma) Ellis' sister in Ohio, who has lung cancer. Requested by: Ellis and Darla White
- \* Prayers for Sue Ellen Negel, who is in Jefferson Hospital with heart problems. Requested by: Pastor and First Lady
- \* Prayers for Nate Stanchfield (17 year old from Belle Vernon) who is fighting childhood leukemia. He is now in Children's Hospital in Philadelphia having a new Car-T cell treatment. Please keep praying for him. Requested by: Debbie Colvin
- \* UPDATE: Prayers for Ed Gould, having open heart surgery on August 14.
  
- \* Prayers for Rene Jarvis, on hospice, and husband, Tom. Both now have Covid.
- \* Prayers for Dee's husband, Richard Evens, who has esophageal cancer and is starting treatment.
- \* Prayers for continued success with treatment of pancreatic cancer – family friend of Barndollars and Vallas. Requested by: Paula Barndollar
- \* Prayers for those who lost their life and were wounded. Thank God President Trump was not hurt!
- \* Prayers for my sister-in-law, Nancy, with health concerns and for my cousin, Terry, with shoulder issues. Requested by: Deb Caldwell
- \* Prayers for Kent Downer who had an accident at home and broke his wrist, requiring surgery. Requested by: Tammy Greco
- \* Continued prayers for God's peace and comfort over my mental health issues. Requested by: Missy
- \* Prayers for Tyler's dad (Dan) in a lot of pain and chemo has been stopped. Requested by: Missy
- \* Prayers for my father-in-law, Nick, who's in Mon Valley Hospital with possible GI bleed. Requested by: Missy



## SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS

Our deepest sympathy to Mary Ann Simpson, wife, and family on the recent passing of her husband, Paul V. Simpson, a beloved kindergarten teacher at Charleroi Elementary Center.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Karen Majka, who recently passed away.

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## JOYS

\* Happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, July 20, to Ryder Nicklaus, who lives in New York and is the great-great grandson of Ellis and Darla White.

\* Thanks to all for your cards and prayers. They meant so much to us. Mary Lou Lachman

\* Thanks for our picnic, which went well. Garnet Krutz

\* Rose Wilkinson completed her last chemo treatment two weeks ago. She did well and is in good spirits. Mike & Chris Wilkinson

\* UPDATE: Lori Burgess is now improving and if BP stays up and labs improve, she will move to regular room. An emergency prayer chain went out two Thursdays ago for Lori, who went to Washington Hospital for blood infection, low BP, dehydration and pneumonia.

Requested by: Pastor and First Lady

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**THE MEMORIAL FLAG PRESENTATION to the family of CONGRESSMAN AUSTIN J. MURPHY** will now be held at the August 18 Service.

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**NEW LIFE OPTIONS WALK FOR LIFE 2024** will be held at Chess Park in Monongahela on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**, with registration at 10 AM and the Walk beginning at 11 AM. An informational flyer with more details and sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board if you would like to participate.



## UNDER LONG-TEM 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>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Melanie Slattery*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Sam &amp; Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Joe &amp; Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Connie Siranni*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Jesse &amp; Joseph Bird*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Matt Sezawich*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Gene Kite*</i>	<i>Kelly Weaver*</i>	<i>Missy Montgomery*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Nate Stanchfield*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>	<i>Mike Wilkinson*</i>	

**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:** August 3 – Phillip Hermann

**ANNIVERSARY:** None

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*Today's Bulletin Cover is  
In Memory of My Sister, Lois Stillwagon  
Given by: Cora Rusell*

**Serving the Church Today**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Pastor Dennis J. Stich</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Deb Caldwell</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist/Director</b>	<b>Sherry Erdely</b>
<b>Elders</b>	<b>Joe Valla Tom Griffith</b>
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	<b>Erin Sinko</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...**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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**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, JULY 28, 2024

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday 7/28

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship

10:45 AM

FCC Worship Service

### Thursday 8/1

5:30 PM

I.O.O.F. Picnic in Pavilion

### Sunday 8/04

10:40 AM

Elders' prayer before worship

10:45 AM

FCC Worship Service

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## Unified Giving Update (2024)

		<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Missions/Outreach</u>
Current Fund	7/7	\$ 2,344.25	\$ 78.75
	7/14	\$ 4,914.90	\$ 165.10
	7/21	\$ 2,738.99	\$ 92.01
	7/28		

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Date	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
Attendance (In Church)	70	68	71	
Facebook Live	14	9	10	
Conference Call	1	1	1	

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