

*I am that  
bread of life*

John 6:48







# First Christian Church

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**August 11, 2024**

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**PRELUDE** "We're Marching to Zion," by Robert Lowery

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Deb Caldwell

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Deb Caldwell

**LEADER:** Christ our Lord united his followers together in Christian love.

**PEOPLE:** His presence makes our fellowship a happy experience.

**LEADER:** When Christ is our life, our fellowship takes on the nature of Christ, we experience unity, love and humility toward one another.

**PEOPLE:** May Christ live in us, that we may be like him.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymnal #377 (all verses)  
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

## **\*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 #185 (1 verse)**

**"Sanctuary"**

## **PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Pastor Dennis**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

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

## **\*SCRIPTURE**

**Pastor Dennis**

**Ephesians 6:16 KJV**

**"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be  
able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."**

## **SOLO**

**"His Eye is on the Sparrow,"  
Charles H. Gabriel and Civilla D. Martin**

**Terri Greenlee**

## **SERMON**

**SHIELD  of FAITH**

**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 #481 (3 verses)**

**“Fill My Cup, Lord”**

**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**

**CB #211 (all verses)**

**“Listen”**

**\*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**





## PRAYER CONCERNS

\* For my dad, Dan, in the hospital with lung complications.

Requested by: Tyler

\* For the family of Pete Vanderveen, who passed away this week - his sister, Laverne Giordanengo and children, Lynn, David & Lori.

Requested by: Paula Barndollar

\* For the family of Eric Clodfelter, who passed away July 30 on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday: His cousins Kathy & Cindy - Requested by: Paula Barndollar

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\* For a family friend, Sharon, whose husband, James, is in CCU at Penn Highlands and is in final stages of life. Requested by: Missy

\* For the family of Chris Sekora of Fallowfield Twp. Chris died at the age of 46 on July 6 due to a long-term illness. Requested by: Kristin Colvin

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\*For the family and friends of David Zoltun (Sue Latour's brother-in-law) who passed away on July 31. Please keep my sister, Chrissy, in constant prayer. Requested by: Sue Latour

\* For Maxine (Mary Ann Hunt's 96-yr. old aunt) in Jefferson Hospital having colon cancer surgery on August 6.

\* For Garnet Krutz, experiencing iron deficiencies and loosing blood. Requested by: Garnet

\* For Garnet's dog, Katie, having seizures. Requested by: Garnet

\* For Jean Anderson, suffering from a broken pelvis. Requested by: Tyler Anderson, Erin's grandson

\*Prayers of peace and comfort over our daughter, Jenna, dealing with postpartum depression. Requested by: Ray & Missy, Mom & Dad

\* For Melanie, recovering from pneumonia and expected back home. Requested by: Tom Griffith

\* For Ed Gould, having bypass surgery on August 14. Safe travels on Aug. 5-9 to visit Uncle John in South Carolina. Requested by: Marla Gould

\* For the Raffey, Tyson, and Mayhew Families - all having health issues; and for my niece, who will be having a hysterectomy.

Requested by: Barbara Jeffery

\* For Mike Wilkinson, experiencing some complications from radiation treatments. Requested by: Christine Wilkinson



## JOYS

\*Praise God for 62 years in the church! He has carried me thru many things. Requested by: Joyce Cherok

\* For Uniontown Fair Master Gardeners – Great! Requested by: Garnet Krutz

\*For our son, Aaron Spina and his beautiful wife Manda, are expecting their first child Dec. 27. This morning they received the good news that the bid they put on a house has been accepted!

Praise God! Pastor and First Lady

\* Laverne Giordanengo is praising God that her granddaughter, Danielle, is still cancer free. Requested by: Laverne

\*Last Wednesday's picnic was great!

\*Grand rising to you amazing people of God. I want to thank you all for making me feel very welcome here, like this is my home. I am sending all of you much Love Health Wealth and Happiness. May Blessings rain upon all of you. Love, Linda Gramsky (Zavier's mom)

\* Trish Fleming had a blood clot in her right leg and the blood clot is gone!

\* Thank you, Gary, for sharing your God given talent with us at your recent event.

\* Dartball Team is now up to 11 players! Tyler had the first meeting on Monday, 7/29, with the Mon Valley Dartball League. Requested by: Missy

## SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS

Our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Bill Krutz (Garnet's husband), who passed away on Monday, August 5. Bill will be cremated and placed for burial in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Further details are pending. However, there will be a Memorial Service here at the church on Saturday, August 17 at 4:00 PM.

Our deepest sympathy to Stephen and Cheryl Stache and family on the passing of Steve's father, August "Augie" Stache. His funeral service was held at Hogan Melenzyer Funeral Home on Saturday, August 3, with Pastor Dennis presiding.

## **SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS**

Our deepest sympathy to cousin, Betty Jo Matesich, and the family of Janine Vargo, who recently passed away.

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**THE FLAG DEDICATION in remembrance of the late Senator AUSTIN J. MURPHY** will be held at the Sunday, August 18 worship service. The flag was flown over the capital on his birthday, June 17. Please wear your red, white and blue.

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**PLEASE BRING YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES for our children to the August 18 worship service.** Children or a family member should also bring their book bag or backpack to fill up with any supplies needed for school.

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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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## \*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>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*</i> <i>(Mike &amp; Sherry's Son)</i>	<i>Karl &amp; Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>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-Burriss*</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>Diane Rusak*</i>
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>	<i>Mike Wilkinson*</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) NEEDED** – 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 12 – Malcolm Callery, August 13 – Dawn Billy & Sean Cole, Sr., August 14 – Dawn Lapinsky & Joella Pendleton, August 17 – Anthony Cramer, August 18 – Debra Lessman

**ANNIVERSARY:** August 16 – Lawrence and Theodora Harris

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*Today's Bulletin Cover is  
In Honor of Our 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Mike and Sherry*

*Given by: Sherry Erdely*

**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 Dennis Caldwell</b>
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Bob Grant Vivian Horner</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

# TODAY: SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday 8/11

10:40 AM Elders' prayer before worship  
 10:45 AM FCC Worship Service

### Thursday 8/15

7:00 PM I.O.O.F. Men's Fellowship – Social Hall

### Friday 8/16

7:00 PM Movie Night – Social Hall

### Saturday 8/17

4:00 PM Memorial Service for Bill Krutz  
 Fellowship following

### Sunday 8/18

10:40 AM Elders' prayer before worship  
 10:45 AM FCC Worship Service  
 Flag Dedication in Remembrance of  
 Austin J. Murphy  
 Back to School Supplies available to fill  
 book bags/backpacks with any supplies needed

## MEALS-ON-WHEELS – 8/12 THRU 8/16

### Unified Giving Update (2024)

		<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Missions/Outreach</u>
Current Fund	8/4	\$ 2,334.58	\$ 78.42
	8/11		
	8/18		
	8/25		

Date	8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25
Attendance (In Church)	71			
Facebook Live	14			
Conference Call	1			