

Announcements – Jordan

Good morning, and welcome to worship. It is good to have you with us today, whether in person or online.

Please remember to sign in for worship. There is a list in the foyer, on the podium by Racene’s office. Sign in is requested in the event that contact tracing needs to be done by the health department.

As you are well aware, the number of Covid cases in Shelby County and in Kentucky have been very high in the past several weeks. We are continuing to monitor where we are in relation to the virus, and at this time we believe we are following protocols very closely and doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

We continue to encourage everyone to take great care, to continue to wear their masks, and to keep a safe distance before and after the worship service. Medical personnel remind us that a minimum distance of 6 feet should be maintained between people. Please take care as you visit with others in our building, keeping a safe distance.

We are collecting small individual boxes of cereal (either the individual boxes or bowls or canisters) for the Backpack Project. We have a goal of 600 boxes to collect before December 1st. These boxes can be purchased and turned in to the church and placed in the first classroom, next to the Nursery classroom, in the hallway (where the stage is set up) or leave in the church office and we will get them to the collection spots.

If you have questions about this project or are in need of assistance in getting the cereal boxes to the church, please contact Mary Clark (502-321-5096 or 502-633-4994) or Chrissy Hudson (502-220-8755). Also, donations can be mailed to the church to support this project with checks made out to First Christian Church and noted “Backpack Cereal Project.”

The CWF is taking orders for the holidays. All orders are due no later than Sunday, November 28th. The items may be picked up Saturday, December 5th, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.. A box will be placed in the lobby for the order forms or you may give them to Wanda Stivers.

Kid's Korner – Jordan

Call to Worship –

Members of the Khat Khai Family – Sian Hoih - Ki Dal Na Lum (Zomi Gospel Song 2020) Official Music Video

<https://youtu.be/DgCfrYDQMRU>

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Please keep the following in your prayers –

Rochelle Phillips passed away at the home of her daughter on Thursday morning. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Vickie Wright had a serious fall at home and broke her femur and her knee. She spent a few days at Baptist East Hospital, where she had on the fractures, which included a knee replacement.

Mary Dale Hipple will have surgery on Tuesday.

Linda Griffith was a patient at Jewish Hospital, Louisville for a few days, after a procedure on her pancreas.

If you would like a copy of the complete prayer list, it is at the end of the bulletin for this morning. Copies can be downloaded from the church web site or by scanning one of the QR codes posted in the church.

Morning Prayer – Tony Carriss

Special Music – Wanda Stivers

Message – Dave Charlton

Take a moment, stand, and wave *hello* to someone.

Message Title – *A Tough Faith For A Tough Time: Abraham*

Scripture Reading – Genesis 12:1-9

¹*The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.*

²*“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.*

³*I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”*

⁴*So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran.*

⁵*He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.*

⁶*Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.*

⁷*The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.*

⁸*From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.*

⁹*Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.*

Invitation Hymn –

Offering Meditation

For several years I have received an email daily devotional each weekday from the writer Richard Rohr, and in recent days there were two I found to be very striking, and I will share a portion in both the stewardship and communion meditations. In one, Rohr says that *our unhealthy economics and politics persist because even Christians largely operate out of a worldview of scarcity: there is not enough land, healthcare, water,*

*money, and housing for all of us, while Jesus sought to teach his disciples to believe from a worldview of abundance rather than scarcity, such as in the feeding of the multitude (Matthew 14:13-21), and he goes on to say that *there is more than enough for our need but never enough for our greed.**

Offering Prayer

Lord, we bring to you our offerings this day, with gratitude for each gift we have received from you. Remind us that every breath we take is a gift, as it represents the lives you have created and our dependence upon you. Fill our hearts with gratitude for what we receive, and may we be gracious givers, always, in the name of Christ, amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation

Richard Rohr says that *...grace is God's first name, and probably last too. Grace is what God does to keep all things God has made in love and alive—forever. Grace is God's official job description. **Grace is not something God gives; grace is who God is** (emphasis mine).*

Prayer for the bread and cup.

Prayer – Wanda Stivers

The Lord's Prayer

*This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

Words of institution – when Jesus met with his disciples for the Last Supper, he took the bread and broke it. As he broke it, he said, “this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.”

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And he took the cup also and said, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Benediction

Until we meet once more...

May the kindness of God precede you.

May the wisdom of God be with you.

May the light of God follow you.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May you allow Him to mold you into what you were created to be.

May you joyfully fill the role God has given to you and may you feel peace always in your soul. (Adapted)

Full Prayer List

Bailey, Helen homebound

Baker, Jeanie cancer

Baxter, Johnny stomach cancer, son of Jessie Baxter

Beagle, Susan Signature Healthcare, Taylorsville

Bishop, JoAnn Alzheimer's, Henrietta Hardin's sister

Bolden, Michael health concerns

Carpenter, Karen liver and lung cancer, friend of Suzi and Bob Roth

Clausen, Rich beginning radiation treatments, friend of Diann and Al Cook

Donahue, Barbara MS

Donahue, Buddy cancer

Dooley, Jason stroke, nephew of Jeanie Coleman

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Farris, Ben cancer

Harris, Gloria health, Julie Mulcahy's mother

Hawkins, Tom "Pee Wee" hospitalized, undergoing tests (Pat and Wanetta's brother)

Henderson, Ray and family for the loss of his wife Brenda

Howell, Brooks infant with incurable disease

Hower, Tommy health

Hudson, Chris wound on leg

Hundley, LaMar and Valorie health

Jennings, Harriet very sore after recent fall

Lancaster, Grant heart issues, friend of Vicki and Glen Wright

Leismer, Jim stroke, brother-in-law of Nancy Kirk

Long, Annie cancer

Loprindi, Kristina stage 4 ovarian cancer

Lyons, Ida Crescent Place

Mackens, James back surgery, son-in-law of Rochelle Phillips

Mattson, Chad heart attack and stents

McGuire, Thelma health

Miles, Donna recovery from surgery

Minner, Pat chemo treatments for lung cancer, friend of Diann and Al Cook

Moffatt, Bruce health issues

Nation, Nellie Amber Oaks

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Newton, Mary Jo treatment for breast cancer (Ken Slucher's sister)

Phillips, Rochelle brain tumor

Pilkinton, David outpatient surgery Tuesday on right index finger

Ratliff, George military

Roach, Larry Crescent Place, Linda Griffith's brother

Sanders, Cindy cancer

Sandy surgery and treatment for breast cancer, Henrietta Hardin's nephew's significant other

Shaver, Marty Crescent Place

Smith, Michelle upcoming knee replacement surgery

Smith, Nell Legacy at English Station

Smith, Terea dialysis patient with issues regarding her shunt

Sorrel family. The father, Steve, passed away from a heart attack while on vacation in Arizona. He was driving at the time and his wife, Anne, was injured. They live in Simpsonville and have two sons.

Summers, Andi shoulder replacement surgery Tuesday, October 6

Taylor, Nancye homebound

Tipton, Barbara Crescent Place

Tom and Nicole Covid diagnosis (brother and niece of Joanne Burke)

Wainscott, Diana breast cancer, Elizabeth Slucher's sister-in-law

Webb, Devon seriously injured in car accident

Williams, Jay juvenile diabetes

Williams, Linda cancer

Williams, Pat and Mille COVID (relatives of Pam Ashby)

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Wright, Tommy severe head injury

Wright, Vickie health issues

the Diersen Center staff and residents

SCPS students, staff and faculty