

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.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Dare to Care mobile food pantry at Kentucky Refugee Ministry has grown exceptionally. This month, KRM is on track to deliver nearly 600 food boxes to 190 families in 21 zip codes. The distribution will take place in in one day – Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Delivery helpers will drive through the mobile pantry at KRM, where their vehicle will be loaded for them, and then will make contactless porch drops to several families who live just minutes apart. If you are interested in helping, send your full name, phone number, and any scheduling conflicts you may have on that day to volunteer@kyrm.org.

We are continuing to collect small, individual boxes of cereal (either the individual boxes, 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. There is a box on a small table near Racene's office door, and you can pick up and leave order forms there, or you may give them to Wanda Stivers.

Although we will not have an Angel Tree set up in the FCC narthex this year, we encourage you to adopt an Angel from the Salvation Army. Children and families in our community still need your support. You may pick up Angel Tree names from Kroger or American Rental in Governor's Square.

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to help with Angel Tree gift packing and distribution beginning Thanksgiving week. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up by emailing me at chrissymhudson1@gmail.com or calling the church office. I will pass the list along to the Salvation Army who will contact volunteers to coordinate dates/times/responsibilities.

Kid's Korner – Jordan

Call to Worship – Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 – this is the passage that served as the inspiration for the song *On Eagle's Wings*.

¹ *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

² *I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

³ *Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.*

⁴ *He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

⁵ *You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,*

⁶ *nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

¹⁴ *"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.*

¹⁵ *He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.*

¹⁶ *With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."*

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Please keep the following in your prayers –

Nellie Nation's brother, Paul A. Cox of Taylorsville, passed away last week.

Trish Fegenbush's brother, Maury Cox, had heart surgery on Tuesday at the Cleveland Clinic.

Bonnie Beach's father, James Beach, has tested positive for Covid and is in the hospital, on a respirator.

Marsha James will have heart surgery for valve replacement in the coming weeks.

Mary Dale Hipple is recovering at home after surgery on Wednesday.

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 – Wanda Stivers

Special Music –

Message – Dave Charlton

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

Message Title – *A Tough Faith for A Tough Time: Job*

Scripture Reading – Job 13:1-15

¹ *“My eyes have seen all this, my ears have heard and understood it.*

² *What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you.*

³ *But I desire to speak to the Almighty and to argue my case with God.*

⁴ *You, however, smear me with lies; you are worthless physicians, all of you!*

⁵ *If only you would be altogether silent! For you, that would be wisdom.*

- ⁶ *Hear now my argument; listen to the pleas of my lips.*
⁷ *Will you speak wickedly on God's behalf? Will you speak deceitfully for him?*
⁸ *Will you show him partiality? Will you argue the case for God?*
⁹ *Would it turn out well if he examined you? Could you deceive him as you might deceive a mortal?*
¹⁰ *He would surely call you to account if you secretly showed partiality.*
¹¹ *Would not his splendor terrify you? Would not the dread of him fall on you?*
¹² *Your maxims are proverbs of ashes; your defenses are defenses of clay.*
¹³ *"Keep silent and let me speak; then let come to me what may.*
¹⁴ *Why do I put myself in jeopardy and take my life in my hands?*
¹⁵ *Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.*

Invitation Hymn –

Offering Meditation – Laine Kephart

Today, it is my honor to begin our annual stewardship campaign with a few words about the importance of giving. This has been a most interesting year and certainly different from anything we have experienced before. From time to time, many of you have privately asked me, "Are we meeting our expenses? Are our bills being paid?" And I have reassured you that yes, we are holding our own through this time. And we have done that through the continued generous giving of each of you. And I thank you for that.

In the next few days, you will receive the annual stewardship campaign mailing. It will include a message from Dave and a form for you to complete and return to church. You will be asked to share with us the amount you are pledging to support the church financially in 2021 and how you will share your talents. I encourage you to complete both parts and return them on or before Consecration Sunday on November 29. Your pledges may be turned in that day, dropped off to the office prior to that day or mailed to the church.

We don't talk about money much in this church. On the surface, giving appears to be sharing possessions, wealth, income and the like. More importantly, giving is sharing yourself. Giving is a most remarkable concept, originating in the heart of a giving God – a God who pours forth more blessings on his people than we can ever deserve or expect. The gift of life, the gift of love, the gift of salvation, the gift of eternity in heaven – all of these are priceless. The possessions we have are generally a tangible result of what we

have invested in time and energy and talent. But who we are – our character – is always a direct result of what we have invested of ourselves with God and with others. And one of the great and unique promises of the Bible is that the more we give, the more we receive – not necessarily in material possessions, but in spiritual and eternal rewards.

In answer to the question, “Why should I give?”, the answer is simply, because God told us to. In Malachi 3:10, we read, “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do . . . I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in!” What a promise. We should give because God commands it. While we should never give just to get something in return, for that violates giving as an act of love, God does promise bountiful blessings for those who obey this command.

Money is neither good nor bad: it’s a natural medium of exchange. Throughout the Bible, we read about money being earned, borrowed and spent. Money has come to represent wealth, power and status. It has a tendency to wield extraordinary power and control over our lives. It seems that money will buy almost anything – except true love and honest forgiveness. The Bible consistently teaches that money – like natural resources, material goods or time itself – is ours to be used for the glory of God, not to take the place of God or distract us from doing his work. The matter of money is what we do to get it, preserve it, spend it and share it.

In Matthew 6:21, we read, “wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” The Bible mentions many wealthy people who loved God while saying nothing negative about the amount of wealth they owned. Examples include Abraham, David and Joseph of Arimathea. Scripture does not focus on how much money you can or cannot have, but it rather focuses on what you do with the money you do have. Jesus made one thing clear: Wherever your money goes, your heart will follow after it.

There is nothing fun or particularly exciting I can tell you about the operating budget for the coming new year that you will be pledging to support other than the fact it is the necessary expenses to keep the doors open to continue to do God’s work. One of the lessons of the pandemic has been the fact that it costs just as much to operate whether the building is in active use or in waiting as we currently find ourselves. Our utilities remain the same due to the needs of various equipment to maintain a constant temperature environment, we still need to have insurance, we still need to maintain all the building components and equipment, we still need to keep our building clean and we still need to pay our people. There will be much work to be done in rebuilding once we are finally

able to fully reopen and hopefully attract new young families to promote the future of what First Christian Church has come to mean to this community.

I ask you today to prayerfully consider your financial support to First Christian Church when you receive your stewardship mailing in the next few days and respond with an open and generous heart to help us move forward successfully into and throughout 2021.

Thank you.

Offering Prayer

Thank you Lord for thinking of us, and of our needs. Thank you for your provision for today, and the promise of provision tomorrow. Give us faith to believe you will provide what we need, and give us open and generous lives to meet the needs of others. Gratefully we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation

Does anything good come from suffering? We hold the elements of the bread and cup this morning, elements that represent not only suffering, but profound suffering. It was a suffering Jesus did not desire, as he prayed, *Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done* (Luke 22:42). In the suffering of Jesus we see the greatest demonstration of love, and in it we are granted salvation. As we partake of the bread and cup, then, let us give thanks that in the hands of God, suffering can be transformed into salvation.

Prayer for the bread and cup.

Prayer – Dean Cantrill

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.”

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

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

—The Book of Common Prayer

Prayer list as of 11/12/2020

Bailey, Helen homebound

Baker, Jeanie cancer

Baxter, Johnny stomach cancer, son of Jessie Baxter

Beach, James COVID (Bonnie Beach's father)

Beagle, Susan Signature Healthcare, Taylorsville

Beckley, Greg, Alzheimer's Disease

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

the family and friends of Paul Cox (Nellie Nation's brother)

Donahue, Barbara MS

Donahue, Buddy cancer

Farris, Ben cancer

Griffith, Linda health issues UPDATE: Linda is home after 6 days in the hospital.

Harris, Gloria health, Julie Mulcahy's mother

Hipple, Mary Dale recent surgery and recovery

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

Lassley, Laurie gall bladder cancer

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

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

the family and friends of Rochelle Phillips

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

Sunday, November 15, 2020

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)

Wright, Tommy severe head injury

Wright, Vickie broken femur and other health issues

the Diersen Center staff and residents

SCPS students, staff and faculty