

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

The Community Gathers Before God

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prelude

Theme and Variations
by Jan P. Sweelinck (part 1)

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Joan Arnold

We gather together in thanksgiving to our God,
FOR GOD HAS MADE US AND THIS EARTH WHICH GIVES US NURTURE.
We gather together in gratitude to one another,
**FOR WE ARE THE BEARERS OF GOD'S BLESSING AND LOVE FOR THE
EARTH AND TO ALL PEOPLE.**
We gather together in service, reaching out in care and courage,
SO THAT THE GOODNESS OF LIFE MAY BE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.
Let us give thanks to God.
WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

#284

*Prayer of Invocation

Joan Arnold

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment/Noisy Offering

Children's Hospital here in Colorado Springs

Nancy May

Prayers of the People

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 78:1-7

Joan Arnold

Anthem

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
from A German Requiem / Johannes Brahms

Chancel Choir
Dir. Jolyne Antista

Sermon Reading
Sermon

Matthew 25:1-13

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Rev. Caryn Yoast

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Communion Hymn

When You Do This, Remember Me

#400

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jack Lingbloom

Communion Music

Consolation No. 4
by Franz Liszt

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

The table of the Lord is open to any and all who would come. The Lord is host; he invites and welcomes everyone to share in his supper. Please partake of the bread and cup as you receive it.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music

Consolation No. 5
by Franz Liszt

Joan Arnold
Dr. Zahari Metchkov

*Doxology

#47

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Caryn Yoast

The Community Departs for Ministry

*Silent Prayer for the World

*Closing Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

#717

Benediction

Joan Arnold

Postlude

Theme and Variations
by Jan P. Sweelinck (part 2)

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

*Those who are able, please stand.

Life of Our Church

- TODAY – Noisy Offering Sunday, Children’s Hospital of Colorado Springs
- Nov 14 – Elder Meeting, 5pm
 - **Pastoral Candidate Meet & Greet, 4pm - please make every effort to attend**
- Nov 16 – Judy Kramer Memorial Service 2pm
 - Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7pm
- **Nov 19 – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, important vote - please attend**
- Nov 20 – Trustee Meeting, 5pm
- Nov 22-24 – Church Offices/church Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- Nov 27 – Ministry Board Meeting, 6pm
- Nov 29-30 – Prepping & Decoration for Hanging of Greens on Dec 3
- Dec 3 – Hanging of the Greens ceremony and Soup & Salad Potluck after worship service.
- Dec 3-17 – Family Promise HOSTING of Families at FCC (get signed up now to help)
- Dec 9 – FCC Chili Potluck approx. 3pm (& celebrate together at Parade of Lights 5:30pm)

*** Garden Club – We are putting our gardens to rest for the winter on Weds. at 9am, Please contact Carol Wilson for details.*

- ❖ Our **Nursery** is open for children through the age of 4.
- ❖ **Children’s Sunday School** is open from 5 through grade 3.

Budget Report for November 2023

General Funds	11/3 – 11/9/23
Income	\$2,762.25
Expenses	\$30.63
Net Income (Gain)	\$2,731.62

YTD **-\$200,201.20**

Reports will be given by a specific time/date, not cumulative

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

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To learn more, go to
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 Jolyne Antista, music director
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