

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

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

The Community Gathers Before God

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Gay Hatler

Prelude

Now Praise the Lord, O My Soul
(Verse 1) by Dietrich Buxtehude

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Ky Springer

Bless God for all the good land we have been given. Praise God, who crowns the year with abundance.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE BOUNTY WE HAVE ENJOYED. GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO US THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR.

God chooses to love us and draw us near. God invites us to enjoy the good all around us.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR FOOD, SHELTER, AND FAMILY. MAY OUR THANKSGIVING OVERFLOW IN ACTS OF KINDNESS.

Let us give thanks to our God.

WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#718

*Prayer of Invocation

Ky Springer

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Dale/Derek Katzenmeyer

Prayers of the People

Rev. Gay Hatler

Joys and Concerns

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

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

Ky Springer

Anthem

He Watching Over Israel Slumbers Not, Nor Sleeps Chancel Choir
from Elijah / Felix Mendelssohn Dir. Jolyne Antista

Sermon Reading
Sermon

Matthew 25:31-46

p. 29/NT

Rev. Gay Hatler

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Communion Hymn

I Come With Joy

#420

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Gay Hatler

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jack Lingbloom

Communion Music

Now Praise the Lord, O my Soul (Verse 2) Dr. Zahari Metchkov
by Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Ky Springer

Offertory Music

Now Praise the Lord, O my Soul (Verse 3) Dr. Zahari Metchkov
by Dietrich Buxtehude

*Doxology

#47

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Gay Hatler

The Community Departs for Ministry

*Silent Prayer for the World

*Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

#715

Benediction

Ky Springer

Postlude

Now Praise the Lord, O my Soul (Verse 4) Dr. Zahari Metchkov
by Dietrich Buxtehude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Life of Our Church

- **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 23 – no choir rehearsal
- Nov 27 – Ministry Board Meeting, 6pm
- Nov 29-30 – Volunteers needed to Prep & Decorate for Hanging of Greens on Dec 3 (please let office know if you are planning on attending)
- Nov 30 – Chancel Choir rehearsal 6:30pm
- 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. 3:30 family games, 4pm Eat & 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	11/10 – 11/16/23	
Income	\$5,614.70	
Expenses	\$5,851.65	
Net Income (Loss)	-\$236.95	
YTD	-\$142,021.52	<i>(Rec'd \$50K from property reserve fund)</i>

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
<http://disciplesallianceq.org/open-affirming-ministries/>

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To learn more, go to
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**Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast, interim pastor
Jolyne Antista, music director
Dr. Zahari Metchkov, organist**