

First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday/  
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**The Community Gathers Before God**

Prelude *Psalm 149 / For All the Saints* Susan Doherty  
by Emma Lou Diemer / Gerhard Krapf

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome Donna McCoy

\*Call to Worship Donna McCoy

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

One: We remember, o God...

**All: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

One: We remember, o God...

**All: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Divine. SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES... LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOY!**

\*Opening Hymn *For All the Saints* Chalice Hymnal #637

\*Prayer of Invocation Donna McCoy

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Ryan Thrasher

\*Passing of the Peace  
*Through the Act of passing the peace of Christ, we offer our sincere desire to love our neighbor.*

Children's Moment Dale and Derek Katzenmeyer

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ryan Thrasher  
Remembering and reading of the Saints

**The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word**

Hebrew Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1-18 Donna McCoy

Anthem *Set Me As A Seal* Chancel Choir  
by Rene Clausen Kim Schultz, Dir.

Gospel Scripture Reading Mark 12:28-34 Donna McCoy

Message Rev. Ryan Thrasher

**The Community Shares in Christ's Life**

Communion Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Chalice Hymnal #254  
Invitation to Communion Rev. Ryan Thrasher  
Words of Institution Rev. Ryan Thrasher

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving Debbie Metz  
Communion Music *Chanson on Psalm 42* Susan Doherty  
by Douglas E. Wagner

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.*

Lord's Prayer Rev. Ryan Thrasher  
*(please feel free to use sins, debts or trespasses as you feel led)*

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 ( ), as we forgive those who ( ) 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.

Invitation to Offering Donna McCoy

Offertory Music *Pavane* Susan Doherty  
by Gabriel Faure

\*Doxology #47

\*Prayer of Dedication Donna McCoy

**The Community Departs for Ministry**

Invitation to Discipleship  
*The Invitation is an opportunity that is given each Sunday for individuals and families to take the next step in their journey of faith. This is an important tradition in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) family. We welcome you to come forward during the closing hymn to let us know of your desire to become part of our church family. You may also share your desire by messaging the church on Facebook or via church email, to which Pastor Monica will respond.*

\*Closing Hymn *Rise Up, O Saints of God* Chalice Hymnal #611

\*Carrying the Light to the World

\*Benediction Rev. Ryan Thrasher

Postlude *Saints Bound for Heaven* Susan Doherty  
by Steven Scott

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Remembering and reading of the Saints:

Judy Kramer	Tom Cline	Betty Rae Elliott
Betty Baker	Carol <u>Millhollin</u>	Anna Gail Bachmann
Pamela Gene Wyatt	Wilma Brown	Mary Graham
Dorothy Hayes	Bev Sarton	Ellen Johnson
Diane Ashton	Chuck Blaisdell	

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### Life of Our Church

- November 3 – All Saints Sunday
  - Stewardship Study bible class, 9am in Mayall room (next bible study class Nov. 10, 17, 24)
- November 4 – Lunch with Monica, 12:30-1:30pm
- November 6 – Missions and Outreach Meeting, 5pm
- November 10 – Noisy Offering Sunday for Mark Twain Elementary
- November 11 – Church offices closed in observance of Veterans Day
- November 12 – Elders Meeting, 5pm
- November 17 – Bring Turkey to Church Sunday, bring your frozen turkey for Mark Twain Elem.
- **November 24 – Pledge Sunday**, with a bread and soup lunch provided after worship
- December 1 – Decommissioning Service
- December 15 – Congregational Meeting, RE: 2025 Budget

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

### Ongoing

- ❖ Sundays –
  - Mayall room Sunday School Class, Bible study currently the book of John, 8:30-9:30am  
Led by Cathy Liss, on break until Dec 1.
  - Coffee and Conversations from our understanding of being Christian in the world today. Led by Norm Heimer 9-10am
  - Conversations that Matter, a safe place to give and receive support as we chart our new course. Please join in, every Sunday after worship service
- ❖ Mondays - Lunch with Pastor Monica every Monday 12:30-1:30pm in Mayall room. Bring your brown bag lunch & come join Pastor Monica in the Mayall room for an energizing bit of conversation.
- ❖ Thursdays – SketchClub 4:30-7pm in Mayall room
- ❖ – Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 choir room
- ❖ Saturdays – D&D Group meetup, 1-5 in Mayall room

**WEEK OF COMPASSION** is continuing to be the hands and feet of Christ in Florida and Appalachia in the aftermath of the hurricanes that have impacted our southern States. Gifts of Week of Compassion (WeekOfCompassion.org/give) designated to "Hurricane 2024" will be directed to this ongoing response.



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