

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*A Welcoming Community of Faith in the Heart of the Twin Cities:
Come to a place where you can explore, be curious and ask questions.*

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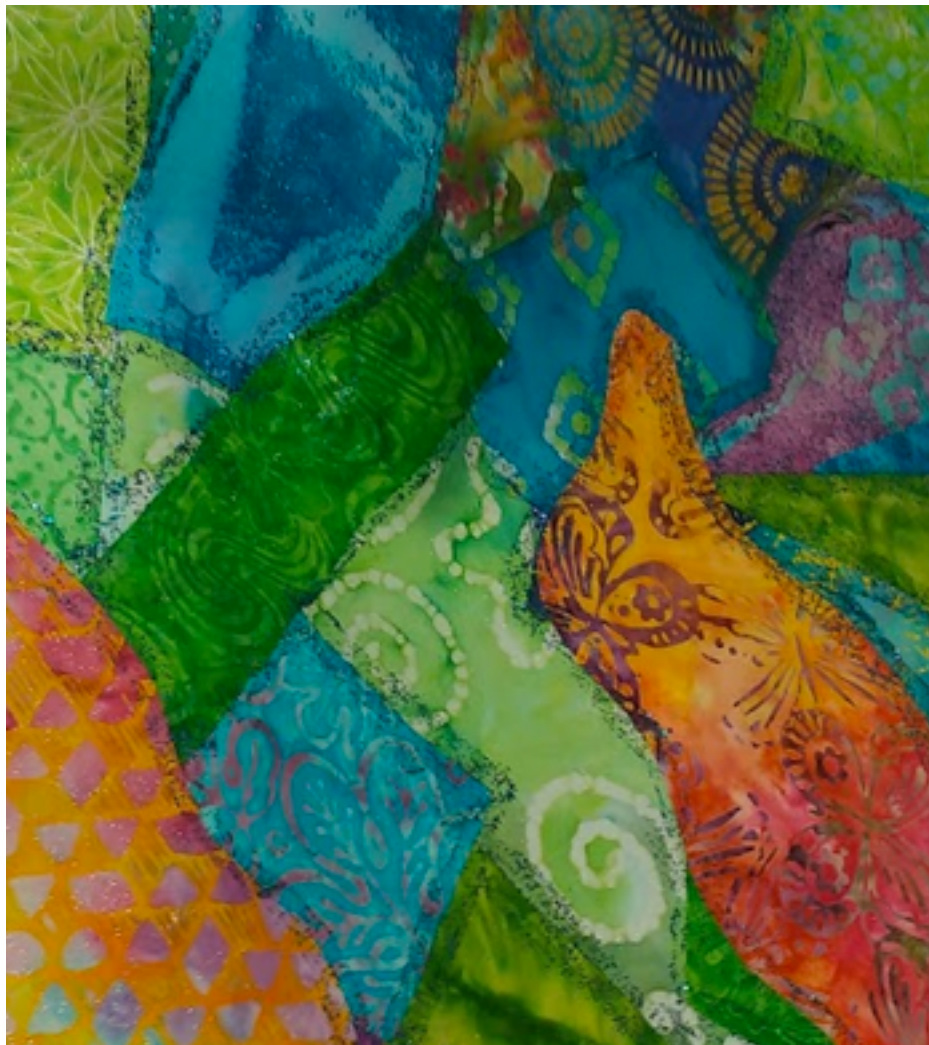


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Welcome Visitors, Friends, and Members!

Welcome! ...to a place where you can explore, be curious and ask questions.

May you find comfort, joy, strength and peace as you worship the Loving and Living Lord with us today.

First Christian truly seeks to be a place of welcome to all!

Children are welcome in worship! For those who desire childcare during worship, nursery care is available downstairs for infants through 4 year olds. Older children can be at the activity table by the clear windows with Deb and Anna.

Audio Receivers are available from an usher for the hearing impaired.

Songbooks: Words to the songs are printed in this bulletin. If you'd like to have words and music, songbooks can be found on the bookrack by the sanctuary entrance.

Communion: As members of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we practice open communion. All believers are invited to partake. The emblems will be passed through the rows by the deacons. Please partake of the gluten free bread and grape juice as it is passed.

Our denomination: The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), often referred to as The Disciples, is a denomination known for an Open Theology and an Open Table. To find out more about our heritage, check out the DOC page: www.disciples.org.

Want to know more about First Christian? Go to www.fccmpls.org and check out our ministries. To find out more about our LGBT ministry, click on Reaching Out.

Missed a service? Listen to the sermon: <http://www.fccminneapolis.org/home/sermon-archive/>
Live stream in case you can't be here! https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPVqQ57szyEh8JCtF_8lhiw/live

Interested in receiving our newsletter? Send an e-mail to office@fccmpls.org or call Deb 612-870-1868, ext. 1. We can send it electronically or in the mail or both!

Like us on Facebook: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)-Minneapolis. Follow various activities and events. You'll also find links to the newsletter and podcasts.

Deadline for next issue of *The Courier* newsletter: Sunday, July 23, 2017

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+Please stand as you are able in body & spirit.

The Community Gathers

Please add your prayers to the Prayer Wall in the back of the sanctuary. If you have a Joy, Concern, or Prayer Request to share, please write it on one of the white slips found on the table by the prayer wall and give it to Pastor Dan before our prayer time.

Gathering Music Patty McPherson, guest pianist

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting each other Bryan Feille

Prelude Patty McPherson

+Call to Worship (responsive) Bryan Feille

One: Mystery of God, draw us near.

Many: Fill our minds with awe!

One: Wisdom of God, surprise us.

Many: Encourage us with hope!

One: Glory of God, shine through our lives.

Many: Reveal your power and your glory!

One: In the mystery, the wisdom and the glory of God,

Many: Let us worship!

+Song of Praise *Morning Has Broken* Chalice Hymnal #53

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

+Invocation Bryan Feille

+A Version of the Lord's Prayer (Please pray the version in your heart)

Our Creator, who is in heaven, holy is your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+Musical Response*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

CH #261

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Hearing and Reflecting on God's Word

Minute for Missions**Community Joys & Concerns**

Dan Adolphson

Song of Response

Spirit Song (v. 1)

CH #352

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Prayers of the People

Children's Moment

Laurie Feille

Scripture

Bryan Feille

Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according

to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Sermon

“God’s Good Pleasure”

Laurie Feille

Responding to the Word

+Song of Commitment

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

CH #75

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk until rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Celebration of Gifts

Lu Griffin

Offering Invitation

Collection of Offering

+Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here
below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy
Ghost. Amen

+Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Tom Curry

Invitation to Communion

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*(When invited to do so, please share Christ's peace with **one or two** near you.*

"The peace of Christ be with you". Response: "And also with you.")

Song of Communion

Draw Us in the Spirits Tether

CH #392

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya, Alleluya, so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluya, Alleluya, we will serve with faith anew.

Prayer for Communion and Words of Institution

Partaking of the Lord's Supper: **All are truly welcome to partake.**

Please partake of the gluten free bread and the grape juice as they are passed to you.

Music for Meditation:

Patty McPherson

Closing Words

Dan Adolphson

+Benediction

Laurie Feille

+Song of Blessing

Let Us Now Depart in Peace

CH #444

Let us now depart in your peace, blessed Jesus.
Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of you.

Postlude

Patty McPherson

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
Please join us in the Gathering Space just outside the sanctuary
for fellowship and refreshment.*

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Live-streaming: We now live-stream our worship services over the internet. If you do not wish to be photographed or to have your children photographed, please talk to Pastor Laurie, Pastor Dan or Deb Murphy before the service. Parents, we have a photo permission form for you to fill out whether you do or do not want your child in the live stream.

About the cover: This is a small portion of a fiber art piece by Deb Murphy. It hung in the North Sanctuary during Advent. *“He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.”*

Outreach Opportunities

Mission at Our Doorstep: Our annual week of mission and outreach starts tomorrow evening, July 17, and goes through Thursday evening, July 20. The booklet is still available today on the hymn cart by the bulletins. If you missed it coming in, please be sure to grab one on your way out. The sign-up sheets to help with putting kits together, etc. are on the closet doors. Any contributions that you have brought may be put by that table.

Announcements & Things of Interest

Ecumenical Women’s Ministry, Thursdays, 9 am: This group will be meeting in the home of Mary Lou Norman this summer. Please call Mary Lou (952-681-7879) if you’re thinking of coming. The group isn’t necessarily meeting every week due to travel and family visits.

Lectionary Bible Study, Wednesdays, 8:30 am: This group has started to meet at the Walker Residence to make it easier for Larry Pray to participate. Have questions or need directions? Call Michael Vanderford (612-219-9647).

Springhouse Camping, Friday July 21st–Sun July 23rd: Please join us for our annual family and everybody friendly camping adventure! For maps, directions, more information please contact: April Conlee at: april.conlee@gmail.com or [612.385.0065](tel:612.385.0065)

- Come for some or all of the time
- Spend time during the day at the lake with a swimming beach, play area, hiking and biking, or visiting a historical farm house and nature center or just relax at the camp site
- Campfire with marshmallows and songs
- Annual family "tennis-ball" baseball game
- Shared potluck Saturday evening meal together
- Worship time on Sunday morning
- Camping equipment available to borrow

Camping is at Carver Park Reserve, near Victoria, in the SW metro area, Lake Zumbra Group camp site #2—the one with the stone shelter. 40-minute drive from SpringHouse.

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Sunday, July 16

10:30 am –Worship in the South Sanctuary
11:30 am – Fellowship Time in the Gathering Space
Noon – SpringHouse Activistas meet in Lydia

Monday, July 17

Mission at Our Doorstep starts!

6:30 pm – Sewing Projects for Missions in Timothy

Tuesday, July 18

Mission at Our Doorstep

6 pm – Light Supper in the Gathering Space
6:30 pm – Bag lunches/Sandwiches/Emergency Buckets – in the Gathering Space

Wednesday, July 19

8:15 am – Narrative Lectionary SpringHouse Study Group at Walker Residence

Mission at Our Doorstep

6 pm – Community Picnic on Patio (rain location: Gathering Space)
6:30 pm – Youth Link Backpacks/Hygiene Kits in Gathering Space
Lemonade/water/dog treats/catnip toys stand on Patio

Thursday, July 20

9 am – Knitting group at Mary Lou Norman’s. Contact Mary Lou if you’d like to join the knitters. The office has her contact information.

Mission at Our Doorstep

10 am – Bags of Grace/School Kits in the Gathering Space
6 pm – Feed My Starving Children (bus leaves at 5 pm)

Friday, July 21 - 23

SpringHouse Camping Trip at Carver Park

Saturday, July 22

9 am – Men’s Bible Study
9:30 am – Downtown Coalition for Grief Support in the Garden level

Sunday, July 23

9:30 am – Art of the Covenant Children’s Time in Squiggle Space
9:30 am – Adult Ed in the Gathering Space
10:30 am –Worship in the South Sanctuary
11:30 am – Fellowship Time in the Gathering Space