

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.*

MARDI GRAS SUNDAY



Mardi Gras (Pierrot et Arlequin) by Paul Cézanne, 1888

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February 11, 2018

10:30 am

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 next door for infants through 4 year olds. Older children can be at the activity table 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 is Sunday, February 25, 2018

Wednesdays at noon for bulletin announcements

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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 in back by the prayer wall and give it to Pastor Dan before our prayer time.

Gathering Music

Mike Vasich

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting each other

Alice Keith

Prelude

+Call to Worship (a responsive reading)

Alice Keith

One: Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:

Many: in our songs and our words;

One: in our deepest thoughts and desires;

Children: in the youthful and the experienced,

Adults: the exhausted and the energetic;

One: in the hungry and the scared.

Center: We are here together.

Sides: We join our voices and our hearts in praise.

One: Let us worship God with every part of our being!

+Song of Praise

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Chalice Hymnal #557

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

*[Refrain] Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *[Refrain]*

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *[Refrain]*

+Invocation

Alice Keith

+The Lord's Prayer

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*Through It All*

CH #555

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend on God's word.

Hearing and Reflecting on God's Word

Installation of Deacons, Elders and Trustees

Laurie Feille

Community Joys & Concerns

Dan Adolphson

Song of Response

Lead Me, Guide Me

CH #583

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Prayers of the People

Children's Moment

Laurie Feille

Boy Scout Recognition

Deb Murphy

Anthem*When the Saints Go Marching In*

John Rutter

Scripture

Alice Keith

John 9:1-12 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

Sermon*"Who Is the Sinner?"*

Laurie Feille

Responding to the Word

+Hymn of Invitation

Amazing Grace!

CH #546

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Celebration of Gifts

Tom Curry

Offering Invitation

Collection of Offering

Special Music:

Mardi Gras Band

Scott Agster – Trombone, Adam Meckler – Trumpet,

Eric Ebeling – Sousaphone, Reid Kennedy - Drums

+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

Steve Rusinak

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

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

CH #424

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm going to eat at the welcome table, Allelu.

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu.

Here all the world will find a welcome, Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.

Here all the world will find a welcome, Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey, We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Allelu.
We're gonna feast on milk and honey, We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Allelu.
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.***

Closing Words
+Benediction

Dan Adolphson
Deb Murphy

+Song of Blessing

“Down by the Riverside”

CH #673

[Leader] Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my sword and shield,
[Response] down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

[Leader] Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my burden, [Response]

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please stay and join us for King Cake.

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Thank you to our guest musicians: Scott Agster – Trombone, Adam Meckler – Trumpet, Eric Ebeling – Sousaphone, Reid Kennedy – Drums. We look forward to the Dixieland music every year.

Sanctuary Switch: All 3 congregations will be moving to the ‘next’ sanctuary tomorrow morning. We will be moving into the South Sanctuary. If you can help with the move, please talk to Ann Wolverton.

Mardi Gras Dinner: Salem is sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday dinner on Feb. 13th. It starts at 6 pm in the Gathering Space.

About the cover: This oil painting by Paul Cézanne is in the Pushkin Museum in Moscow. The title, in English, is *Shrove Tuesday (Pierrot and Harlequin)*. Pierrot and Harlequin are associated with festival celebrations such as Mardi Gras and Carnivale.

Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday [aka Mardi Gras (French) or Fasching (German) or Vastenavond (Dutch) or Shrove Tirsdag (Norwegian) or Fettisdagen (Swedish) or Tuulta Tiistaina (Finnish) – you get the picture] is the day before Ash Wednesday. Starting sometime in the 16th C, pancakes became associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, butter and sugar before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. The liturgical fasting emphasized eating plainer food and refraining from food that would give pleasure: in many cultures, this means no meat, dairy products, or eggs.^[7] Some countries celebrate Carnival/Carnivale. This comes from the Latin word for meat (*carne*) and farewell (*vale*).

Outreach Opportunities

Bags of Grace: There are still 'Bags of Grace' available to take with you to give to people asking for help on street corners.

Sheridan Story: Every other Friday morning, 1 or 2 people from First Christian go to the Whittier School – just 3 blocks from here – to put pre-packed food into children's backpacks in their lockers so that they will have food over the weekend. The sign-up clip board is kept in the office on the counter during the week.

Announcements & Things of Interest

Ash Wednesday Service: There will be an Ash Wednesday Service in the South Sanctuary at 7 pm. Join us at this service to begin our journey through Lent.

Lenten Book Study: on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 starting Feb. 21 (after Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer) we'll be studying *Jesus and the Disinherited*. In this classic theological treatise, the acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Hatred does not empower--it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail. Please let Pastor Dan know if you are interested so we can order enough books.

Lenten Devotional & Brochure: This year's devotional, as well as a brochure of services, meals and studies during Lent, is available on the hymn cart by the bulletins.

Sunday, February 11

Mardi Gras Sunday

Boy Scout Sunday

10:30 am –Worship in the Garden Sanctuary

Dixieland Band! King Cake!! Installation of officers! Boy Scout Recognition!

11:30 am – Fellowship in the Gathering Space

Noon – Social Justice Forum

Noon – Child Ministries Team Meeting

Monday, February 12

SANCTUARY SWITCH (move to the South Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 13

8 am – Lectionary Study Group at Walker Residence

6 pm – Mardi Gras dinner hosted by Salem. EVERYONE WELCOME! This is a free event.

Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

7 pm – Service of ashes in the South Sanctuary

7:45 pm – Choir in the South Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

5 pm – SH Sanctuary Task Force in Timothy

7 pm – Pastor Laurie’s PRC in Esther

7 pm – FCC Finance in Esther

Saturday, February 17

9 am – Men’s Study Group in Esther

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

9:15 am - Children’s Sunday School

10:30 am –Worship in the South Sanctuary

11:30 am – Fellowship in the Gathering Space

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.

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