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# VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Trunk  
in  
Trunk



Part of All Church Social  
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2:00pm

FCC Mission Outreach Day

at

Columbia's



Habitat House Saturday, Oct. 31

Contact the Church Office or Elizabeth Mottaz to sign up.

Worship: 2 Ways

Sunday, Oct. 25

Matthew 22:34-46

"Greatest Commandment"

Message by Dr. Brad Stagg



WORSHIP WITH US IN TWO WAYS:

**AT HOME, ONLINE:** On our YouTube Channel  
*"First Christian Church (Columbia, Missouri)"*

**AT HOME LITURGY:** provided on page 2.

**AT CHURCH: PAUSED**

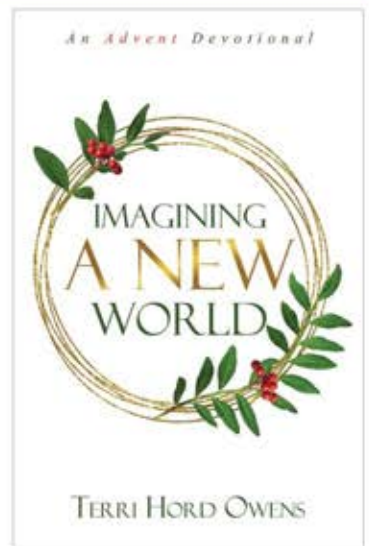
Worship will tentatively *return*  
to the Sanctuary on Nov. 1.

## Advent Devotionals To Be Ordered

It is hard to believe Advent will soon be here. Due to the home-centered nature of the coming Advent season, we are offering a special devotional by order/RSVP only. — *Note: other devotionals will be available in the Narthex as usual/picked up at the end of Nov.*

Advent's scripture passages call us to imagine a new world, one free from fear, not one based on a "return to normal." In this new daily devotional for Advent, **Terri Hord Owens**, leader (General Minister & President) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination, delves into Advent lectionary texts to reflect on God's vision for the world and how we might find the courage to imagine, the permission to change, and the freedom to fear no more. A prayer rounds out each daily devotion.

*Imagining a New World* offers an inspiring pause during the day to reflect more prayerfully on what the season of Advent inspires in you and your community. — Due to the cost of these devotionals, they will be ordered by request. — **Please call or email the church office by October 26 to get yours ordered.** Thank you.



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*On the Sundays we are not together, we offer this at-home worship experience. (Different from the YouTube version.)  
Find a place — space to sit. Pick a view, be comfortable. Light a candle nearby. Gather a Bible, maybe a hymnal.  
Get your tablet/internet device/tape player/CD and prime a hymn-worship song for listening.  
Get communion—any beverage and cracker will do! Be in the spirit of the Holy!*

## HOME WORSHIP for OCTOBER 25

### WORD and PRAISE

#### WELCOME GOD.

God, we know you are with us.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

You have showered your love upon all generations,  
since the beginning of time.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Guide us now through this time of worship, and into the  
week ahead. **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

#### PRAYER.

God, you are God forever. This alone is cause for celebration,  
but we also know that we are your people! As we feel your love  
washing over us now, may we love you with every part of our  
being: heart, mind, body, and soul. We celebrate your love in  
our lives, and we ask for your help as we try our best to boldly  
share the good news of your love with others. We pray in the  
name of Jesus, who models the way for us. Amen.

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.*

By Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 Tune: ST. DENIO  
Chalice Hymnal # 66

**READ SCRIPTURE.** Read Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 below and  
meditate on the ways God puts this word into your hearing.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had  
formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting

you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."  
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it  
is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that  
is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is  
renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we  
may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as  
many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious  
power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be  
upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands -- O prosper  
the work of our hands!

### PRAYER and GREAT THANKSGIVING

**BE IN PRAYER.** Offer prayer to God in thanks, in confession.  
Express your needs, share the needs of others. Just say what  
is in your heart. Amen!

**GIVE AN OFFERING.** What is it that you can give today? To  
God, to another, to yourself. Either pause worship and go do  
it, or make the commitment of giving that will happen today!

**COMMUNION. (Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer)**  
The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a loaf of  
bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,  
"This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in  
remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup also,  
after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my  
blood." Speak and partake of the elements. Then pray, *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 debts, as  
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**BENEDICTION.** Go forth with humble hearts, ready to serve  
your neighbor and a world in need. Lead us, O God. Amen.



## Bit from Brad

The great Baseball Hall of Famer, Mickey Mantle once said, "It's unbelievable how much you don't know about the game you've been playing all your life." In spite of being a 7-time

World Series Champion, a Golden Glove winner, and 3-time MVP – all with the New York Yankees (and posthumously named to the MLB All-Century Team), Mickey Mantle had both the wherewithal and humility to recognize that he did not know everything about baseball. Even though he spent a lifetime practicing, training, playing, coaching, and studying the art and science of baseball, he knew that there were things about baseball that he still did not know. And, I think when he said, "It's unbelievable..." I think he said it with awe and wonder, like an astronomer gazing into the heavens acutely aware that there still lies undiscovered mysteries awaiting to be found... not even solved... just found.

As someone raised in the church of Jesus Christ, studied the Bible all my life, have considered prayer part of my life and breath, I can truly say I resonate with Mickey Mantle's reflection. "It's unbelievable how much I don't know about... God... faith... church... humanity... Scripture... which I've been believing... studying... praying... all my life." How about you? Aren't you amazed at how much we don't know about God? How much we still have left to learn about Scripture? How much we still can discover about the depths of the human soul, relationships, and our interactions with the Holy Spirit? I don't know about you, but I find myself still mesmerized, fascinated, curious, and yearning to learn and understand more about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and humanity and what we might yet do together. There is still so much more to discover!

At no time has it been more apparent to me that there is still so much more to learn about God, the church, and the human soul than during this global pandemic. How about you? Has your faith grown during this pandemic? Have you witnessed wonderful acts of love and deplorable acts of evil during this time? Have you heard God's voice speaking to you offering words of comfort, adaptability, resilience, and hope? I continue to be amazed at how God keeps this congregation and the universal church united in the midst of our separation! Through video, computer, phone, God and God's people still find ways to share grace, hope, joy, peace, and love with one another and the world. "It's unbelievable!!" And yet, that's just the faith that Scripture shares time and time-again, that God shows up in new, unexpected ways and carries the people through the wilderness, across the Jordan River, and delivers them into the Promised Land. God is our hope and our promise, now and always!! Isn't God amazing?!

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*

## News and Notes...

### Prayers...

**Billie Silvey** continues recovery at Boone Hospital. **Rev. Jimmy Spear** continues isolation at home with COVID-19. **Bob Hutton** had a total shoulder replacement surgery on Oct. 20 at Boone Hospital.



### Sympathy...

We remember **Emily Scott** and family in the death of her daughter, **Judy McBride**, Oct. 7, in Pennsylvania. We also remember **Cliff & Mary Tompson** in the death of their daughter, **Beth Jorgenson**, Oct. 10. A service was held Oct. 17 in Iowa.

### Moving...

**Bragg & Joyce Stanley** will be soon moving to Florida to be closer to daughter Katie's family. Son **Jason Stanley** will continue to maintain the Columbia house, as he finishes his studies for the next couple of years.

### Wedding...

**Laura Shirey & Ryan Hunsaker** were married in an intimate ceremony held in the FCC Sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 11. Ryan is the son of **Mark and Pam Hunsaker** and Laura the daughter of **David and Jennie Shirey** of Lexington, KY. Congratulations to the newlyweds!



## Weekly Fellowship and Bible Study



*Have you joined yet?*

Online gatherings continue for study and fellowship each week via Zoom video conferencing or by calling in via phone. If you would like to join any of the gatherings, please call or email the church office to be connected. Join us!

### FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING:

**Mid-Week Connect with Rev. Spear**

**(devotion, fellowship): Wednesdays at 10:30am**

**Bible Study with Dr. Stagg: Wednesdays at Noon**



**Oct. 25** – Matthew Taylor  
**Oct. 26** – Diana Provenzano, Sue Wright  
**Oct. 27** – David Potthast, Kurt Schaefer  
**Oct. 30** – Rachael Fullington, Drew Gieseke  
**Oct. 31** – Richard Hoepfner



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**Return Service Requested**

**Life in the Church: Calendar**

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

- BREAKFAST FOR BRETHREN

MONDAY, OCT. 26

- LOAVES & FISHES

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

- ELECTION DAY PIE ORDERS DEADLINE

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

- BREAKFAST FOR BRETHREN  
 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY,  
 AM AND PM SHIFTS AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

- Election Day Pie Pick-Up,  
 8am-6pm, under the Portico

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

- \*O&A VIRTUAL PANEL, 7:00pm, Zoom

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

- \*PARENTS' FOLLY, 7:30pm, Zoom

\* DENOTES A VIRTUAL GATHERING  
 VIA ZOOM



**Sunday Oct. 25: NO GROUPS**

Trunk n Treat has been cancelled due to several variables including weather.

Special treats will be delivered to church families next week.

**The Nov. Plan:**

4:00-5:00pm

JYF & Chi-Rho ALTERNATING WEEKS

JYF (grds. 3,4,5) Nov. 8, 25

CHI-RHO (grds. 6,7,8) Nov. 1, 15

5:00-6:00pm — CYF (grades 9-12)

EVERY WEEK

Location: local parks/pavilions/member's outdoor spaces

**DOC College Group:**

Tuesdays, 7:30pm (location in GroupME)

**Election Day Homemade Pies**  
 Fundraiser of the Disciples Women Fellowship of FCC  
  
**10-inch pie - \$20/each**  
**3 WAYS TO ORDER:**  
 -Email order to fcc@firstchristian.org  
 Order it electronically by using form found at:  
<https://firstchristian.org/2020/election-day-pies/>  
 -Mail form below to 101 N. 10th, Columbia, MO 65201  
 -Fax this form to 573-875-8673  
 Orders must be received by Friday, Oct. 30.  
 Pie Pick Up on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

**Election Day Pie Order Form**

| NUMBER OF PIES | VARIETY                   |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| _____          | APPLE                     |
| _____          | SUGAR-FREE APPLE          |
| _____          | PEACH                     |
| _____          | CHERRY                    |
| _____          | BLACKBERRY                |
| _____          | BLUEBERRY                 |
| _____          | STRAWBERRY RHUBARB        |
| _____          | MIXED BERRY WALNUT        |
| Total          | @ \$20 per pie = \$ _____ |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pick Up Time: \_\_\_\_\_