



Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Election Day Pie Pick-Up

Fundraiser of the Disciples Women
Fellowship of FCC



- You may pick up your pie(s) anytime from 8:00am to 6:00pm.
- Just drive under the Fellowship Hall entrance Portico and call 881.8385 (the number will be on the door).
- Your pies will be delivered to your car!
- If you have not paid for your pie(s), please have the correct payment amount as we will not have change. Make checks payable to "First Christian Church (Note: **Pie**)"
- If you did not indicate your pick up time on your order, please call Brenda Mosby at 573-881-8385 and let her know what time you'd like to pick up your pie.

Thank you for helping us support our many worthy causes. We would not be able to support them this year without your help. Bless you! --Disciples Women Fellowship



Open & Affirming Exploration Team Hosts Zoom Panel

Thursday, Nov. 12, 7:00pm

Join us for a Zoom panel conversation with representatives from four congregations (local, Mo., UCC & DOC) discussing the experience of going through the Open & Affirming process as a church.

Discussion will include: How has there been benefit for their congregation? How has being O&A helped your church carry out its mission? Question and answer time will follow. Representatives from Broadway CC, Rock Bridge CC, Columbia UCC, and FCC in St. Joseph will be with us. Zoom info will be in next week's Visitor. Stay tuned!



Worship: 2 Ways

- All Saints Day - Sunday, Nov. 1 -

Revelation 7:9-17

"The Saints"

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 Pg. 3.

AT CHURCH: CANCELLED FOR ALL OF NOV.

See the Bit from Brad on Pg. 2
for more information,

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Eternal since last year's All Saints Day.*

Paul Ritchie – Nov. 13, 2019
Gary Unterschultz – Dec. 2, 2019
Cheryl Lightner – Jan. 9, 2020
Sharron Todd Winner – Feb. 14, 2020
Jim Campbell – Feb. 20, 2020
Dabney Doty – March 22, 2020
Edward Bright – May 14, 2020
John Hamilton – June 22, 2020
Jeff Wheeland – July 2, 2020
Mary Cockelreas – July 12, 2020
Dorothy Neds-Martin – July 12, 2020
Richard Underwood – July 30, 2020
James Silvey – August 11, 2020
Margaret "Sue" Kyd – October 26, 2020



Bit from Brad

No Onsite Worship for November

Friends, this past weekend the Board Officers and I decided it is not wise to continue holding Onsite Worship for the month of November.

While we have continued our successful YouTube Worship Services, most of you are unable to see the day-to-day operations since the global pandemic broke out. I have spent 4 of the past 6 weeks in quarantine and Jimmy is now on his third week suffering with the virus. While he slowly and steadily improves, for which we are all very grateful to God for, the Officers and I recognize that with Tracy Westoff's and Jimmy's contraction of COVID-19 that we cannot continue to place staff and members at further risk. Unlike large institutions, our small staff does not have the redundancy in numbers to cover all the operations effectively.

The vast majority of our members choose to utilize the YouTube Services and only 20-30 members attend the Onsite services. Couple that with the successful protection of staff, staff families, and members through last Spring and Summer without holding Onsite services, we believe it is in the best interest of our congregation to hold off having Onsite Worship for the month of November. We plan to reevaluate for December.

We truly regret not having Onsite Worship as we truly enjoy reconnecting with church friends, however we absolutely believe that this decision is the best choice for our congregation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our Board Moderator, Bryan Garton.

All Saints Sunday

This year, All Saints Sunday actually lands on All Saints Day, November 1. Over the decades, the commercialization of Halloween has eclipsed All Saints Day. Halloween itself is a derivative of the phrase – All Hallowed Eve. All Saints Day is the day in which the Church celebrates the heroes of the faith. Due to the Roman Catholic Church's canonization of saints, we tend to think that only "superheroes" of the faith are saints, but that's not the biblical understanding of saints. Saints in the Bible are all individuals who die with their faith intact, who remained faithful to Christ to the very end.

Each year, we remember and honor the Saints of First Christian Church who passed onto the Church Eternal since last year's All Saints Day. Those names who remain hallowed in our hearts are listed on the front cover of the Newsletter and will be read this Sunday as part of our YouTube worship service. I invite you to make a point to participate in this week's service as we thank God for the Saints with which our Lord blessed us!

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*

News and Notes...

Prayers...

Billie Silvey continues to rehabilitate at Boone Hospital. Rev. Jimmy Spear has finally turned the corner after two week of intense COVID symptoms. He continues to regain strength at home. Betty and Rich Montgomery are at home quarantined from a recent exposure to COVID. Bob Hutton continues to recuperate from shoulder surgery and is doing well.

Sympathy...

Prayers are extended to Pat Rybolt in two recent and unexpected deaths of family members. Her former daughter-in-law Julie Rybolt, aged 47, the mother of grandsons Alex, Sean and Benji, died on October 19. Special prayers for her grandsons at this time. Pat also shared her nephew Kenny Wold died recently.

New Address...

Send greetings to Marge Carter, now living at Lenoir Woods! Woods Central - Room #452, 3850 Cartwright, Columbia, 65201

Daylight Savings Time Ends...

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday evening. Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, Nov. 1st!



Friday Night Classics!

3rd Flr Cinema/Yonker

Friday, Nov. 6 - 7:00pm

Fresh popcorn served and 50¢ soda available in Yonker Hall.

RSVP required to ensure safe spacing—email or call church



Nov. 1 – Cherry Hinderberger, Lillian McCormack, Richard Schomaker

Nov. 2 – Holly Gieseke

Nov. 3 – C.K. Hoenes, Thomas Rose

Nov. 4 – Ryley Batterson, Jean Juba

Nov. 5 – Delaney Batterson

Nov. 6 – Jay Creasey

Nov. 7 – Janice Dysart, Daryl Klotz, Linda Munden



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 NOVEMBER 1

WORD and PRAISE

WELCOME GOD.

God is our deliverance!

God is our redeemer and our guide!

God's love sustains and empowers us on life's journey.

Praise God who gives us direction!

PRAYER.

God, our guide and our protector, as we make this space of ours your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.

READ SCRIPTURE. Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

MEDITATION. From the desert to the harvest...

For All the Saints

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might:
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

By Ralph Vaughan Williams Tune: SINE NOMINE
Chalice Hymnal # 637

During the COVID season, many have been stricken ill. To be home and alone, with illness unlike ever before, is a frightening place for the spirit to reside. Today's Psalm is a reminder to us all that even when we are in the most trouble or darkest of hours, there is always the endurance of God ahead of us. God's love endures that we might endure. God's faithfulness endures when ours is lost. God's ability to turn things around lasts well beyond our wondering when it will happen.

This year, we have had to rely upon God differently over and over again. How often our prayers must sound like those who have gone before us. In these days around *All Saints Sunday*, may we be mindful of our ancestors in faith (see list on page 3) — their darkness, their needs, and their yearning for better. May we be mindful of the ways they trusted in the endurance of God to show up at the end of the story — with the fruit, the water, the healing, and the harvest of the future.

Along this current journey with God as our guide and redeemer, we go with a better spirit amongst us. Thanks be to God for the Saints' example, too. (-js)

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.



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Life in the Church: Calendar

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

- FRIDAY NIGHT CLASSICS "CITIZEN
 KANE", 7:00pm, 3rd Flr Cinema/Yonker

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

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

* DENOTES A VIRTUAL GATHERING
 VIA ZOOM



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: Fellowship Hall

*Parents will receive email with final word
 on Youth Groups this week.

DOC College Group:

Tuesdays, 7:30pm (location in GroupME)

**FCC Mission Outreach Day at
 Columbia's
 Habitat House** 
Saturday, Oct. 31
 Contact the Church Office or Elizabeth Mottaz to sign up.