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OUR MISSION
To know God and
follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- On-Site Worship Service, 8:30am
- Christian Edu. Classes, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship Service, 10:30am
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

THURS & FRI, NOVEMBER 25-26

- Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- On-Site Worship Service, 8:30am
- Christian Edu. Classes, 9:30am
- Advent Sunday School, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship Service, 10:30am
- Decorate the Church, 3pm



A congregation related to
The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
www.disciples.org

Christ the King Sunday

NOVEMBER 21ST

"In the End..."

REVELATION 1: 1-8

DR. STAGG, PREACHING

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @

8:30/10:30AM:

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

AT-HOME, ONLINE: Watch the recording of the live service—available late on Sunday via email/YouTube channel/FCC Facebook page. *"First Christian Church (Columbia, Missouri)"*

Advent is Coming...

Check out all of these amazing events we have coming up!

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 20th, 8am - 2pm

This year's Christmas Bazaar is coming up this Saturday! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to shop, eat, and prepare for Christmas. Can't wait to see you there!

Arts & Crafts • Holiday Gifts • Cookie Caravan

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

First Christian Church

101 N. 10th Street
Downtown Columbia

Saturday, November 20
8am-2pm

Coffee & Breakfast Breads
8am-11am

Lunch
soup/sandwich/lemonade \$8
11am-1pm



Decorate FCC!

Sunday, November 28th, 3pm

We hope you will join us the Sunday after Thanksgiving! Come out and help get the church building ready for one of our very best seasons. RSVP "DECORATE" in the Sunday Pew Pads or by calling the church office at (573) 449-7265 so we can make sure there is enough food for everyone! Any and all help is appreciated.

Living Nativity

Friday, December 3rd, 6 - 8pm

An annual tradition on the night of Columbia's Living Windows Downtown District event, our church presents the story of Jesus' birth. Depicted on the east lawn and sidewalk of the church, our Living Nativity utilizes FCC's members, costumes, and taped music with narration and special lighting.

THE LIVING NATIVITY

Friday, December 3rd, 6:00-8:00pm
East Lawn of the Church on 10th St.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 5th,
8:30 & 10:30 Services

A long tradition of the church is the annual "Hanging of the Greens" service held on a Sunday during Advent. This year, with the lighting of the Advent candles, singing of hymns and carols, hanging of the greens to adorn the Sanctuary, decorating and lighting of the Chrismon tree, we will continue the Advent season in worship.

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 5th, 3pm

Join us for a quiet service of hope and healing for those whose burden may be heavy this Christmas season.



Holiday Classic Movie

Friday, December 10th, 7pm

The Gieseke's are offering a showing of the classic *Miracle on 34th Street* on Dec. 10th. RSVP in the church office!

Advent Devotionals

Available now in the Narthex!



This year's advent devotionals are available for the taking in the Narthex. We have three available for everyone: *The Fullness of Time*, inspired by Henri Nouwen, *Low: An Honest Advent Devotional* from Chalice Press, and *Imagining A New World: An Advent Devotional* by Terri Hord Owens, Disciples of Christ General Minister and President. Also available are *The Way to Bethlehem*, a devotional for families, and calendars for children. Pick one up this Sunday!

Advent Adult Sunday School

November 28th - December 19th

Fred Mottaz is facilitating an Advent Adult Sunday School Class starting Sunday, November 28th until December 19th. The class will be meeting Sundays at 9:30am in Morris Parlor. The class will focus on Max Lucado's Advent series entitled, "Because of Bethlehem. Love is Born. Hope is Here." Fred writes, "Don't worry if you can't make every session. You can have a seat at the table and a Keurig coffee/hot tea maker will be available." Don't miss out on this amazing class! Thanks, Fred!

STARS Christmas Lights Tour

Monday, December 13th, 6:30-8:30pm

This year's STARS Christmas Lights tour will be led by the amazing Janelle Patterson on Monday, December 13th. The two hour exploration of Christmas lights will include a stop at the Von Talle's house and neighborhood to see their beautiful displays as well. Sign up in the office or by writing "LIGHTS" in your pew pad on Sunday.



Got Thanksgiving Leftovers?

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we have so much to be thankful for! After enjoying time with family and friends, you may have leftover turkey and dressing. Are you wondering what you can do with these Thanksgiving leftovers? You can donate them to the church to be used in turkey casseroles for Loaves and Fishes. Please place your turkey (deboned) in a baggie and your dressing in another baggie. Mark your bag "Loaves & Fishes". Then you can bring it to the church and place it in the freezer. All these leftovers will be turned into turkey casseroles to feed people in need on Monday, December 27 at Loaves and Fishes. If you are interested in helping to serve a meal, please contact Elizabeth Mottaz.

Elizabeth Mottaz

News of the People

Sympathy...

Dana Haeven's grandfather died Sunday, November 14th at age 96. Our deepest sympathy goes to Dana & Bryant Savidan in the midst of their loss!

Prayers of Health and Healing...

Doug Smith's sister Brenda Smith has been diagnosed with cancer. She will have surgery at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, MO next Wednesday.

Cliff Tompson is in Boone Hospital for tests.

Carol & Tom Hughey have contracted COVID and are asking for prayers as they continue to heal.

Debbie Garton's father has been transported from Nevada, MO to Kansas City for an irregular heartbeat.



Notes of THANKS

I have been so amazed at the sympathy provided by my friends and Jerry's within our church family. I have received many, many cards and notes that I am only now beginning to open and read. I want to thank each and every one of you for your thoughtful kindness. I so appreciate my church family and Dr. Brad for his attentive visits to the hospital and his help navigating this most difficult time.

Mary Daugherty and family



The church office will be closed on Thursday & Friday November 25-26. Happy Thanksgiving!



VAC Holiday Project with FCC

WOW! In one week, FCC members have already sponsored 18 people in need for a special Christmas! The Outreach Ministry really appreciates your support of the VAC Holiday Project, but we still need your help! We have committed to provide 32 more people (for a total of 50) with Christmas gifts and a meal. Please consider clicking on the link <https://tinyurl.com/2j466v3n> or scanning the QR Code to select a person. You may also donate financially to the VAC Holiday Project. Thank you for your continued service to

✧ this important ministry! ✧



Youth Groups

Come join the fun!!

~ Advent Edition ~

JYF (grades 3, 4, 5) & **Chi Rho** (grades 6, 7, 8)

CYF (grades 9-12)

Nov. 28 - Help Decorate the Church! (**All**)

Dec. 5 - VAC Project Shopping (**CYF**)

Dec. 19 (4 - 6pm) - Gingerbread Houses & Christmas Sock Party (**All**)

Join us for a future Youth Group meeting!

All are welcome!

Annual Thanksgiving Offering

Sunday, November 14th & 21st

It's time again for the annual **Thanksgiving Offering**! The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to

become leaders. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and it makes a difference in the world.



Order Your

Poinsettias



On Sundays, December 12 & 19, our sanctuary will be even more beautiful with poinsettias placed there in honor or in memory of loved ones. To order, complete the information below and return the slip, along with your contribution to the church office.

The poinsettias will be ordered by the church and placed in the sanctuary for you. They may be picked up after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Please return this form to the church office by: December 6

(or e-mail your info to fcc@firstchristian.org and put your payment in the payment drop box in the office)

I (we) are giving # _____ total Poinsettia(s) at \$8.00 each.

In **MEMORY** of: _____

AND/OR

In **HONOR** of: _____

Please list the following name or family as donor: _____

Birthdays

Nov. 18 Dalton Whipple

Nov. 19 Laura Hunsaker

Nov. 21 Laura Crane
Jamie Estes

Nov. 25 Chanda Hughey

Anniversaries

Nov. 19 Marion & Sarah Storm

Nov. 21 Tom & Carol Hughey
Darren & Tori Pine





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2021 Advent Calendar

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Hanging of the Greens (both services)
Blue Christmas Service, 3pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

Christmas Pageant, 4pm
Tasting Party, 5pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Meditation Service, 5pm
Candlelight Communion Service, 7pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

One Service at 9:30am

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, November 21st, 2021

RIDESHARE DRIVER: Kurt Schaefer

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Janelle Patterson

WELCOME STATION: Amy Marrero

FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY: Deb & Bud
Batterson

COMMUNION PREP: Barbara, Aleena, & Tiger Li

GREETERS: Donna Houston (N. DOOR), Will
Houston (S. DOOR), David Potthast (ATRIUM),
Debbie Potthast (PORTICO)

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR: Dan Backues

BANNER BEARER: Kennedy Karr

CANDLE LIGHTER: Dietrich Arnett

ELDERS: Susan Gray (8:30)

Dan Gieseke, Eric Seaman (10:30)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Jessica Humble

OFFERING COUNTERS: Deb Batterson, Jean
Juba