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**Today's Date: November 11, 2018**

Your Name(s)

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Many of us give in ways other than putting money in the offering plate each week. Some of us give online at the church's website, or use our bank's online bill pay. Some of us make one large annual gift, or we fulfill our pledge by making a gift once a month. We give our time and our talents because all of our gifts make a difference. Note ways to participate on the reverse side.

Gold envelopes are available in the pews for any financial gifts you would like to give today. Place this card in the offering as a symbol of a gift you've made in another way.

**Opportunities** for the Week of November 11–November 18

Today	9:00	Small Group Bible Study
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship (Laity Sunday)
	11:15	90th Birthday Celebration for Bill Phillips in Fellowship Hall
	11:15	Board Meeting
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	9:00	CWS Citizenship Class in Friendship Classroom
Tuesday	7:00	Table Topics
Wednesday	9:00	CWS Citizenship Class in Friendship Classroom
	11:30	Vintage Bunch Lunch and Creative Aging Program
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:15	Table Talk on Tap at Bites and Pints, 2503 Spring Garden
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Saturday	11:00	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00	Small Group Bible Study
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship (Friendship Sunday)
	11:15	Friendship Sunday Thanksgiving Meal
	3:00	CMF District Meeting at Walnut Cove featuring Jimmy Gawne
	4:30	NYP Meets at FCC to go to Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
	5:00	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at West Market United Methodist Church, 302 West Market St.
	5:30	Parents Night Out at FCC
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friendship Sunday.**

Bring a friend to church next Sunday, November 18. Then, plan to stay for the feast! We'll have turkey and dressing—you bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Worship with us next Sunday evening at the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**, at 5 p.m., at West Market United Methodist Church, 302 West Market St. This annual service will include words of thanks from a range of religious traditions. Our NYP youth group will meet at FCC at 4:30 to ride the bus to the service.

**Serving Next Sunday, November 18**

**Acolyte** Emily Sharpe **Elders** Eleanor Bray and George Manley **Deacons** Jason Myers, Judy Garrett, James Thomas, Susan Cox, Kasey Bogan, and Lewis Woodruff  
**Worship Leader** Louise Greaves **Children's Moment** Lee Hull Moses  
**Children's Church** Amanda Desselles & Meredith Cooper **Greeter** Faith Manley  
**Building Responsibilities** Sue Hulighan

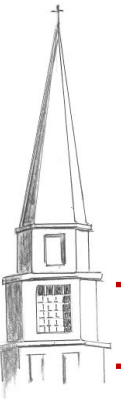
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 **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**WELCOME HOME.**



**November 11, 2018, Laity Sunday**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Music** "Big House" Audio Adrenaline

**Lighting of Candles and Processional** Chloe Murray

**\*Choral Call to Worship** Brett Hesla

"Here In This Ordinary Place" (v. 2) (sing twice)  
**May we awake, awaken to the power of love, power of love, the power of love. May we awake, awaken to the power of love, here in this ordinary place.**

**\*Proclamation** Mark McDonald

One: As we begin Laity Sunday this year, let me say Welcome Home!  
I don't know where you lay your head or where you call your home.  
I don't know where you eat your meals or where you talk on the phone.  
I don't know if you have a cook, a butler or a maid. I don't know if you have a yard with a hammock in the shade. I don't know if you have some shelter, say a place to hide. I don't know if you live with friends in whom you can confide. I don't know if you have a family, say a mom or dad.  
I don't know if you feel love at all but I wish you had.  
**Many: Come and go with me to my Father's house. Come and go with me to my Father's house.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 458  
"Ours the Journey" OURS THE JOURNEY

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Mark McDonald

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Response in Praise**

“Gloria Patri”

No. 36

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Words of Welcome**

Eleanor Bray

**Scripture**

John 14:1-3

Mark McDonald

One: The word of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Moment**

Mike Wildman

*Following the Children’s Moment, children age 3 through 2nd grade  
are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.  
Children’s Church leaders: Amanda Desselles and Dona Norwood*

**Prayers of the People**

Preparation for Prayer

No. 305

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” CHILDREN PRAYING

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.*

Pastoral Prayer

Ellen Smith

**Sharing our Gifts**

Call to Offering

Terry Simon

*Our gifts support the ministry of this congregation,  
here in our community and around the world. The gold envelopes in the pews can  
be used for general gifts to First Christian. The connection card in  
this bulletin can also symbolize gifts made electronically.*

**\*Response**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

W. Faulkner II

5 Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise God all-  
9 crea-tures here be- low. Praise God a- bove ye heav'n-ly  
13 hosts. Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Christ, whose  
16 heal-ing pow'r - up - lifts! Praise the Spi - rit the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, A - - - men! A - - - men!

Dedication of Gifts

Terry Simon

**Anthem**

“Take My Hands”

Sally Ann Morris

**Message**

“This Big House is Our Home” Ellen Smith, John Flynt,  
and George Manley

Response One: Come and go with me to my Father’s house.

**Many: Come and go with me to my Father’s house.**

**Sharing the Feast**

Call to Communion

Mike Wildman

One: Let us come to the table of communion,  
not because we must, but because we may.

**Many: Let us come, not because we are strong,  
but because we are needy.**

One: Let us confess that we need God’s grace.

**Many: Let us rejoice in God’s forgiveness.**

One: Here at this ordinary table we share the feast.

**Many: This is God’s table, and all are welcome here.**

One: Let us sing together as we come to the table of our Lord.

Communion Hymn

No. 425

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

Words of Institution

Mike Wildman

Prayer for the Bread and Cup

Laura Tebow

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, share in the feast.

*All who seek to follow Jesus are invited to share in communion.*

*Eat the bread as it is passed; hold the cup to drink in unison.*

One: We eat the bread individually, because Christ meets us each where we  
are. We drink the cup as one, because together we are the body of Christ.

*The cup is shared.*

One: Thanks be to God!

**Many: Amen.**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

Mike Wildman

**\*Hymn of Dedication**

No. 426

“The Voice of Jesus Calls His People”

THE VOICE OF JESUS

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

Chloe Murray

**\*Benediction**

George Manley

One: It’s a big, big house with lots and lots of room.

**Many: As we go, may we share God’s love with everyone,**

One: inviting all to come into God’s big house.

**Many: Amen.**

**\*Postlude**

“St. Anthony Chorale”

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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*praying* Feel free to share your Joys  
and Concerns:

*participate* Let us know your plans.

- I plan to be at our annual Friendship Sunday Thanksgiving dinner next Sunday, Nov. 18. (# attending: \_\_\_\_\_)
- I may be able to help with food prep, setup or cleanup for Friendship Sunday. (We’ll be in touch with specific needs!)
- I’ll be at Table Topics Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- I will attend the Vintage Bunch lunch and program, “Creative Aging,” this Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 11:30 a.m.
- I’ll be at choir Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- I plan to be at Thursday’s Table Talk on Tap, at 6:30 p.m., at Bites & Pints, 2503 Spring Garden St.
- I’ll be at small group next Sunday at 9.
- I’m interested in going to the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service next Sunday at 5 p.m., at West Market United Methodist Church, 302 West Market St.
- We’re dropping the kids off next Sunday evening at 5:30 for Parents Night Out!
- I can help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Nov. 25 after church.