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Today's Date: November 18, 2018

Your Name(s)

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give

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 18–November 25

Today	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
Monday	9:00	CWS Citizenship Class in Friendship Classroom
	9:30	Staff Meetings
	6:00	Piedmont Global Preschool Meeting in Friendship Classroom
Tuesday	7:00	Table Topics
Wednesday	9:00	CWS Citizenship Class in Friendship Classroom
	12:00	Church Office Closes
Thursday		Church Office Closed
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Friday		Senior Wheels
Sunday	9:00	Small Group Bible Study
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Decorating for Advent
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Office Hours

The office will close Wednesday at noon and will be closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 2

We enter the Advent season Sunday, December 2. Join us for our annual Hanging of the Greens at 7:00 p.m. As we decorate our sanctuary, we'll prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. A reception will follow the service.

Serving Next Sunday, November 18

Acolyte TBD **Elders** George Manley and Eleanor Bray **Deacons** Brad Light, Debbie Light, Olivia Steadman, Bill Wiley, Larry Collins, and Meredith Cooper

Worship Leader Olivia Steadman **Children's Moment** Amanda Desselles

No Children's Church Greeter Dian and Rick Young

Coffee Hour and Building Responsibilities Sue Hulighan

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Amanda Desselles, Children's Church Leader Holly Lail, PYF Teacher



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Chiming of the Hour

Lighting of Candles and Processional

Emily Sharpe

Gathering Music

“Ode to Joy”

Ludwig von Beethoven (c.1770-1827)
Arr. by Charles Magg
First Christian Handbell Ensemble

***Choral Call to Worship**

Brett Hesla

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

***Proclamation**

Louise Greaves

Here in this ordinary place, all are welcome. All who are hungry,
all who are lost, all who are joyful. All who have questions,
all who have doubts. All who are lonely, all who are tired.
All who are grateful, all who are glad.
Here in this ordinary place, God is present,
and all are welcome here. Come, let us sing to the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

No. 715
NUN DANKET

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Louise Greaves
**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** No. 36
"Gloria Patri" 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 Lee Hull Moses

Ministry Moment Josephine Loy

Scripture Psalm 100 Louise Greaves
One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Lee Hull Moses
*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 Meredith Cooper*

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 Cliff Greaves

Sharing our Gifts
Call to Offering Eleanor Bray
Offertory *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" No. 47
OLD HUNDREDT
**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.**

Dedication of Gifts Eleanor Bray

Anthem "The Time for Turning" Traditional Irish Melody
Setting by Craig Courtney
Text by Pamela Martin

Message "Gratitude Comes First" Lee Hull Moses
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sharing the Feast Lee Hull Moses
Call to Communion

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. 718

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Words of Institution Lee Hull Moses

Prayer for the Bread and Cup George Manley

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 Lee Hull Moses

***Hymn of Dedication** No. 717
"Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Emily Sharpe

***Benediction** Lee Hull Moses

***Postlude** "Nun Danket Alle Gott" J.S. Bach
(1865-1750)

**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'm a part of the Neighborhood Youth Project and I'm meeting here at 4:30 today to ride the bus to the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

I'm going to the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service today at 5 p.m., at West Market United Methodist Church, 302 West Market St.

Not that I'm excited or anything but I'm dropping the kids off tonight at 5:30 for Parents Night Out!!

I'll be at Table Topics Tuesday at 7 p.m.

I'll be at small group next Sunday at 9.

I can help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Nov. 25 after church.

I am interested in caroling with the church during the neighborhood's Running of the Balls on December 15, from 6-7 p.m. No rehearsals! All ages welcome. Wear your festive best (antlers and flashing lights optional!).

I'd like more information about First Christian.

I'm praying for our church and our world.