

Announcements – Jordan

Good morning, and welcome to worship. It is good to have you with us today, whether in person or online.

Please remember to sign in for worship. There is a list in the foyer, on the podium by Racene’s office. Sign in is requested in the event that contact tracing needs to be done by the health department.

The church newsletter will be published this week. If you have any information to include, please be sure it arrives in the church office by tomorrow.

The Backpack Project is back in operation, providing weekend food supplies for students of Shelby County schools who are in need. Backpack is a division of Awake Ministries, and under the direction of Christy Meredith who works in cooperation with the Shelby County School system and their teacher programs. Our Outreach Committee continues to work with and support The Backpack Project in several ways. The congregation generously responded to pleas for various food supplies last Spring at the beginning of the virus and the closing of the school year.

Now, we have once again been challenged to provide some needed supplies for the Backpack Project. We have been asked to furnish small individual boxes of cereal (either the individual boxes or bowls or canisters). We have a goal of 600 boxes to collect before December 1st. These boxes can be purchased and turned in to the church and placed in the first classroom, next to the Nursery classroom, in the hallway (where the stage is set up) or leave in the church office and we will get them to the collection spots.

Outreach appreciates your generous support of this project and welcomes this opportunity to reach out to our community during this time of need. If you have questions about this project or are in need of assistance in getting the cereal boxes to the church, please contact Mary Clark (502-321-5096 or 502-633-4994) or Chrissy Hudson (502-220-8755). Also, donations can be mailed to the church to support this project with checks made out to First Christian Church and noted “Backpack Cereal Project.”

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BROWN BAGS AND COVID 19

For many years our church has provided Christmas bags for about 30 residents at the Health Center at Christian Care Communities. Due to Covid 19, they are asking for donations to help pay for the items they will need to order.

We would like to have all donations by the **end of October**. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to the CWF and write brown bags on the memo line. You can leave the check in the church office or mail it to Louellen Stivers, 182 Fern Lane, Shelbyville, KY 40065. Thank you for helping to brighten the lives of Health Center residents at Christian Care Communities during Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Louellen Stivers (502) 633-6672 or Janet Crow (502) 648-1120. Thank you.

Don't forget that the time change takes place next weekend. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.

Kid's Korner – Jordan

Call to Worship – Psalm 119:11, 33-37, 105

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

³³ Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

³⁶ Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Please keep the following in your prayers –

Rochelle Phillips went under Hosparus care this past week and continues at the home of her daughter.

Joanne Burke would be grateful for prayers for her brother, Tom, and her niece-in-law, Nicole, both of whom have tested positive for COVID and are experiencing symptoms.

Harriet Jennings was a patient last week at Audubon Hospital.

David had surgery on his hand on Thursday and we are grateful he is here and able to play this morning.

If you would like a copy of the complete prayer list, it is at the end of the bulletin for this morning. Copies can be downloaded from the church web site or by scanning one of the QR codes posted in the church.

Morning Prayer – Janet Crow

Special Music –

Message – Dave Charlton

Message Title – *A Tough Faith For Tough Times: Joseph*

Scripture Reading – Genesis 45:1-11

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.

²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!

⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping.

⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ *“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.*

⁹ *Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay.*

¹⁰ *You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have.*

¹¹ *I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’*

Invitation Hymn

Offering Meditation

St. Basil said, *be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are.* It’s hard not to be anxious about what we have, or don’t have, but we can say with great confidence is that we are God’s children, and that God will always care for us. In these times, that is a most welcome promise.

Offering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received. Teach us to see Jesus in the lives we touch, to offer our living worship of him by love-filled service to others. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness always to your love. We pray this in the gracious name of Jesus. Amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”
—Matthew 22:34-40

Adding to that most important of reminders, Henri Nouwen wrote,
We become neighbors when we are willing to cross the road for one another... There is a lot of road crossing to do. We are all very busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But if we could cross the road once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, we might indeed become neighbors.

Prayer for the bread and cup.

Prayer – Lydia Turner

The Lord's Prayer

*This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Words of institution – *when Jesus met with his disciples for the Last Supper, he took the bread and broke it. As he broke it, he said, “this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.”
And he took the cup also and said, “this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Benediction

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

—**Ephesians 3:20–21**

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Full Prayer List

Bailey, Helen homebound

Baker, Jeanie cancer

Baxter, Johnny stomach cancer, son of Jessie Baxter

Beagle, Susan Signature Healthcare, Taylorsville

Bishop, JoAnn Alzheimer's, Henrietta Hardin's sister

Bolden, Michael health concerns

Carpenter, Karen liver and lung cancer, friend of Suzi and Bob Roth

Clausen, Rich beginning radiation treatments, friend of Diann and Al Cook

Donahue, Barbara MS

Donahue, Buddy cancer

Dooley, Jason stroke, nephew of Jeanie Coleman

Farris, Ben cancer

Harris, Gloria health, Julie Mulcahy's mother

Hawkins, Tom "Pee Wee" hospitalized, undergoing tests (Pat and Wanetta's brother)

Henderson, Ray and family for the loss of his wife Brenda

Howell, Brooks infant with incurable disease

Hower, Tommy health

Hudson, Chris wound on leg

Hundley, LaMar and Valorie health

Jennings, Harriet very sore after recent fall

Lancaster, Grant heart issues, friend of Vicki and Glen Wright

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Leismer, Jim stroke, brother-in-law of Nancy Kirk

Long, Annie cancer

Loprindi, Kristina stage 4 ovarian cancer

Lyons, Ida Crescent Place

Mackens, James back surgery, son-in-law of Rochelle Phillips

Mattson, Chad heart attack and stents

McGuire, Thelma health

Miles, Donna recovery from surgery

Minner, Pat chemo treatments for lung cancer, friend of Diann and Al Cook

Moffatt, Bruce health issues

Nation, Nellie Amber Oaks

Newton, Mary Jo treatment for breast cancer (Ken Slucher's sister)

Phillips, Rochelle brain tumor

Pilkinton, David outpatient surgery Tuesday on right index finger

Ratliff, George military

Roach, Larry Crescent Place, Linda Griffith's brother

Sanders, Cindy cancer

Sandy surgery and treatment for breast cancer, Henrietta Hardin's nephew's significant other

Shaver, Marty Crescent Place

Smith, Michelle upcoming knee replacement surgery

Smith, Nell Legacy at English Station

Smith, Terea dialysis patient with issues regarding her shunt

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Sorrel family. The father, Steve, passed away from a heart attack while on vacation in Arizona. He was driving at the time and his wife, Anne, was injured. They live in Simpsonville and have two sons.

Summers, Andi shoulder replacement surgery Tuesday, October 6

Taylor, Nancye homebound

Tipton, Barbara Crescent Place

Tom and Nicole Covid diagnosis (brother and niece of Joanne Burke)

Wainscott, Diana breast cancer, Elizabeth Slucher's sister-in-law

Webb, Devon seriously injured in car accident

Williams, Jay juvenile diabetes

Williams, Linda cancer

Williams, Pat and Mille COVID (relatives of Pam Ashby)

Wright, Tommy severe head injury

Wright, Vickie health issues

the Diersen Center staff and residents

SCPS students, staff and faculty