

Sunday, November 1, 2020

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.

As you are well aware, the number of Covid cases in Shelby County and in Kentucky have been very high in the past several weeks. We are continuing to monitor where we are in relation to the virus, and at this time we believe we are following protocols very closely and doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

We continue to encourage everyone to take great care, to continue to wear their masks, and to keep a safe distance before and after the worship service. Medical personnel remind us that a minimum distance of 6 feet should be maintained between people. Please take care as you visit with others in our building, keeping a safe distance.

The Backpack Project is back in operation, providing weekend food supplies for students of Shelby County schools who are in need. 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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Call to Worship – Philippians 4:11-13

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Please keep the following in your prayers –

Mary Dale Hipple will have surgery on November 11th.

Please be in prayer for Sam Heitzman’s cousin, Brianna Heitzman. She has been admitted to UK Hospital with the corona virus.

Continue to remember Rochelle Phillips, who continues at the home of her daughter.

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 – Lyida Turner

Special Music – Kathy Nichols

Message – Dave Charlton

Take a moment, stand, and wave *hello* to someone.

Message Title – *A Tough Faith For A Tough Time: Moses*

Scripture Reading – Exodus 3:1-12a

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father^l the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹²And God said, "I will be with you.

Invitation Hymn – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, verses 1 and 3

Offering Meditation

John F. Kennedy (1917-63), our nation's 35th president, said, *this country cannot afford to be materially rich and spiritually poor.* Our nation, despite the financial toll of the pandemic, maintains a great deal of material wealth. We receive measurements of that wealth every day through stock market reports and updates on the economy. But what of our spiritual health? Jesus said, *what good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?* (Mark 8:36)

Offering Prayer

Ever-faithful Lord, we gratefully acknowledge your mercy and humbly admit our need. We answer your call by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We have received your gifts, and as stewards we will cherish and tend them in faithfulness, and share them in love with others. As you have begun this good work in us, we trust that you will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation

Today is All Saints' Day. All Saints' Day is part of three days of remembering those who have passed away. It began yesterday with All Hallows' Eve and continues through tomorrow, which is All Souls' Day. One of the losses we have suffered during the pandemic has been the changing or complete absence of what comforts us in life. We have been unable to sit at the bedside of our loved one's while in the hospital or to hug someone or hold someone's hand as they mourn and as we attend funerals. Being able to mourn with others is one of the most important things we do as humans. As we gather at the table this morning, on All Saints' Day, let us remember those who have gone on to join the *great cloud of witnesses* that surrounds us, as Hebrews 12:1 reminds us. And let us remember also that because of the death and the resurrection of Jesus, represented by these elements, we will one day be reunited with those who have gone before.

Prayer for the bread and cup.

Prayer – Ross Webb

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.

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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 may the God of peace, who has brought us to life in Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of all, by his grace, make us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, and may he work among us that which is pleasing in his sight, in the name of Jesus, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Based on Hebrews 13:20-21 NRSV)

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

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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

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

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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

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)

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Wright, Tommy severe head injury

Wright, Vickie health issues

the Diersen Center staff and residents

SCPS students, staff and faculty