

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"Let All Things Now Living"
Traditional Welsh Melody, arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship Tom Maddox
One: The time of gathering is here.
All: We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God's many blessings to us.

One: Open your hearts to God's compassionate words of love.
All: Help us, O Lord, to receive your gifts in gratitude and to live lives of helpful service to others.

One: In Christ's Name, we pray.
All: Amen.

*Hymn #276 KREMSER
"We Gather Together"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Tom Maddox
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Tom Maddox
Psalm 126:1-6
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Rev. Nance Woehler
Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder (located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Nance Woehler

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music Camryn Kyle and Ava Reeves
"You Say"
by Lauren Daigle

Second Scripture Rev. Nance Woehler
Nehemiah 12:27-43
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Nance Woehler
"Nehemiah's Thanksgiving Day Parade"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #714 AR HYD Y NOS
"For the Fruit of All Creation" (v. 1 and 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Nance Woehler
*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)
*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation.
You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion Tom Maddox
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
Sut Hting Pauhkum, violin
Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major, K. 216, Mvt 2: Adagio
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Nance Woehler
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in loving memory of Justice William M. Gant by Mary Ellen Gant and Stuart Gant.

Scripture Readings

First Reading- Psalm 126:1-6

A Song of Ascents.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' 3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. 4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. 6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading- Nehemiah 12:27-43

27 Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with rejoicing, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. 28 The companies of the singers gathered together from the circuit around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites; 29 also from Beth-gilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem. 30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people and the gates and the wall. 31 Then I brought the leaders of Judah up on to the wall, and appointed two great companies that gave thanks and went in procession. One went to the right on the wall to the Dung Gate; 32 and after them went Hoshaiah and half the officials of Judah, 33 and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, 34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, 35 and some of the young priests with trumpets: Zechariah son of Jonathan son of Shemaiah son of Mattaniah son of Micaiah son of Zaccur son of Asaph; 36 and his kindred, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and the scribe Ezra went in front of them. 37 At the Fountain Gate, in front of them, they went straight up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate on the east. 38 The other company of those who gave thanks went to the left, and I followed them with half of the people on the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall, 39 and above the Gate of Ephraim, and by the Old Gate, and by the Fish Gate and the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, to the Sheep Gate; and they came to a halt at the Gate of the Guard. 40 So both companies of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I and half of the officials with me; 41 and the priests Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; 42 and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader. 43 They offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. The joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

Serving Schedule

Liturgist and Elder at the Table: Tom Maddox
Elder for the Hospital: Janet Luckett

Welcome, Visitors! If you are visiting today, we are so pleased that you chose to worship with us. If we can do anything to make you more comfortable during your visit, please feel free to reach out to an usher or our Pastor. Here at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we take Communion each Sunday. Anyone who is a follower of Christ is invited to partake. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please speak with Rev. Michael following the service.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome to participate in Worship. We do offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds while parents attend Worship and Sunday School. As an alternative to Sanctuary Worship, we offer Worship and Wonder, an experience designed to give children the opportunity to hear Bible stories and learn the Gospel at their own level. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us following the "Children's Blessing."



Please scan this QR code using your smart phone to let us know you were here. Using that link, you can mark your attendance, share prayer requests, and link to our website. If you prefer to speak to someone in person, feel free to speak to Rev. Michael following the service.

If you haven't checked out our website and social media pages, we'd love to connect with you in that way:

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This week at First Christian

CR- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary

Sunday, November 21

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School

Monday, November 22

6:30 p.m.	OCTC Chorus (F)
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Tuesday, November 23

Wednesday, November 24	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Panera)

Thursday, November 25	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
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Friday, November 26	Church Office Closed
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Announcements

Middle School Youth Event

The middle school (grades 6-8) youth will be having a youth group outing to Southern Lanes tonight from 3:00-5:00 pm. Kids will need to bring money for bowling and other activities, as well as snacks.

Thanksgiving Special Offering

Today we will be joining Disciples around the US and Canada in taking up a Special Offering to support institutes of higher education. As we continue to struggle with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions are facing unprecedented challenges and need our support. Please consider donating generously to this cause. There are special envelopes available at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

Save it or Shave it?!

Should Rev. Michael save his beard... or shave it? Vote for your preference by placing money in the designated containers. We are hoping to raise \$5,000 for various mission projects in the church. Running total-- Shave it- \$91 Save it- \$7.27

Online Giving

Online giving is now live for tithes and offerings. To submit your gift, visit www.fccowb.org/give or text "FCCOWB" to 73256. Click on the link to go to the site to complete your gift.

Upcoming Special Worship Opportunities

November 28- December 19- Advent Worship Services
 December 5- Blue Christmas Service- 5:00 p.m.
 December 12- Symphony Sunday- 9:00 a.m.
 December 24- Christmas Eve Worship- 5:00 p.m.



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