

# First Christian Church

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## GATHERING SONGS

*Grace Alone*  
*Give Thanks*

## GREETINGS & CONCERNS

Kathy Light

**PRELUDE** (The light of Christ is brought into the sanctuary.)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Look up at the screen for our Call to Worship.)

## \*HYMN

(The words are projected.)

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*

## \*SILENT PRAYER

## \*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The words are projected.)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Following this, our children are invited to fellowship hall for age appropriate faith-building activities with Natalie Girman and Sharon Wiegand.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ron & Rose Gill

**Philippians 4:4-7** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*A Simple Psalm of Praise*

(Mary Lou Young, Denise Murray, and Phil Hahn)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## SERMON

Rev. Victoria Ubben

*Turning Prayer into Action*

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**OFFERING****\*DOXOLOGY****46****OFFERING DEDICATION**

Rev. Victoria Ubben

**COMMUNION PRAYERS**(loaf) Sharon Pflughaupt  
(cup) Carole Horner**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Rev. Victoria Ubben

**COMMUNION**

*“As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord’s table as God has welcomed us.” — Statement of Identity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).*

**COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC:**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**COMMUNION MEDITATION SCRIPTURE:**

*(This piece of scripture is a part of our common lectionary and it is offered to you for reflection and meditation during communion.)*

**Colossians 1:15-23**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. Christ himself is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely

established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

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*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

If you wish to join our congregational family, please come forward at the start of this hymn, and sit in front where an elder will assist you. Membership is based on baptism and one question: *Do you believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God; and do you accept him as Lord and Savior of your life?*

**\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

*Surely the Presence*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace,  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings;  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the of Lord is in this place.

**POSTLUDE**

*(The light of Christ is carried out into the world!)*

**PRAYER TIME**

An elder or minister would love to join you for prayer. Just come to the communion table as others leave.



## **Council Meeting Today!**

All board members, trustees, elders, deacons, and team leaders are reminded about our monthly council meeting, which will be today at 11:15AM.

## **World Religion Class - Buddhism**

Sunday, July 18, from 7 until 8:30PM, is another World Religion Adult Ed Program. Rev. Victoria has arranged a discussion on Buddhism, after viewing a videotape. Any and all are invited to attend!

## Calling All Deacons!

Diaconate Chair, Bill Cantrell, has called a meeting for all deacons next Sunday, July 25, at 9AM. The meeting will be held in the library, and there will be discussions about deacon duties, going back to a three team/three week rotation and the current sign-in system. Bill wants to figure out a system that covers all the deacon duties in a more efficient manner and needs your feedback. All deacons are asked to mark their calendars and please make every effort to attend next Sunday's meeting.

## The "Bell Tower" mailing is this Wed., July 21!

### July 24 Canoe/Tubing Outing

Fun for the family is just six days away! A group will be leaving the church on Saturday, July 24, at 11:15AM for Riverside Canoes in Winamac, IN. To join in the fun, please sign-up in the narthex.

### Two Outreach Projects!

**First, Alice's House**, a halfway house for women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction, is in need of laundry hampers. Anyone who can donate a hamper can bring it to the church, and the outreach team will get them to this worthy organization.

**Secondly, the Caring Place**, a shelter for abused women, is in need of laundry soap, bleach, liquid hand soap, shaving cream, pillows & cases, toilet paper, and paper towels. Again, these items can be brought to the church and left in the box provided in the narthex.

Your generosity for either or both of these organizations will be greatly appreciated!

### Build Handicap Ramps & Enhance Retreat Center

Ready to get your hands dirty for Christ? Youth and adult participants in this year's FCC Work Trip will meet at 10:00 at the church on **Wed., August 11** and car-pool to Pilgrim's Rest Spiritual Retreat Center. A few may have to leave, but most will sleep there overnight on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. During the day, we will demolish a dilapidated shed, finish building a picnic shelter, and otherwise enhance the center. Meals will be provided (though we could use someone to cook them). At night we'll have time to play, worship, and eat. Bring sleeping bags (or request one of the six beds), toiletries, gloves, work clothes, games (board or card games, volleyball, corn hole, etc.), and **CLOSED TOE SHOES!** On Saturday, we will join the Youth Encounter churches to build several handicap accessibility ramps (and store others) in-and-around Valparaiso. We'll finish that day with a brief closing worship around 4:00. Sign-up in the narthex if you are interested.