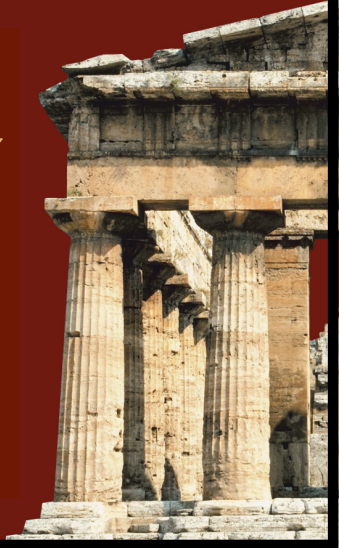


# ***THE STORY***

## ***First Christian Church***



2/12/12 ☩ 1507 Glendale Blvd ☩ (219) 462-5615 ☩ [fccvalpo.org](http://fccvalpo.org) ☩ 10:00 AM

### **GATHERING SONGS**

*Rejoice in the Lord Always  
Sanctuary*

### **GREETINGS & CONCERNS**

Rev. Victoria Ubben

### **A MINUTE FOR HISTORY**

Chris Light

### **PRELUDE**

(The Light of Christ is brought into the sanctuary.)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **\*HYMN**

**464**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

(verses 1, 4, and 5)

#### **\*SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **\*UNISON LORD'S PRAYER**

(using "...trespasses...")

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Amy & Tyler Hartley

**Haggai 1:3-5** The word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your

fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.

**Haggai 1:12b-15** Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.

Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: “I am with you,” declares the Lord. So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Shepherd of My Soul*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Beth Ingram

After this message, youngsters are invited to Fellowship Hall for an age-appropriate encounter with “The Story.”

**SERMON**

Rev. Dave Kovalow-St. John

*First Things First*

**OFFERING/COMMUNION HYMN**

**354**

*Seek Ye First* (Verse 1, Descant, Verse 2 & Descant together)

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**46**



**COMMUNION PRAYERS**

(loaf) Fred Armstrong  
(cup) Cheryl Girman

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION** (You are invited to eat the bread & drink the cup as they come by.)

**As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord’s table as God has welcomed us.**

— from our denominational identity statement

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

**Matthew 6:33** Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.

## \*HYMN OF INVITATION

272

*The Church's One Foundation* (verses 1, 2, and 5)

If you wish to formally join the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church corner of God's kingdom, please come forward at the start of this hymn.

## \*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

## \*CLOSING SONG

*Go In Peace*

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

## POSTLUDE

(the Light of Christ leads us out into the world)



## Council Meeting Today

All board members, trustees, elders, deacons, and servant group leaders are reminded that there will be a council meeting after the 10:00 AM worship service this morning.

## Elders' Meeting

Our elders meet tomorrow (Monday, February 13) at 7:00 PM. Please make every effort to attend.



## Fill a Bag for Our Food Pantry!

The shelves of our food pantry on 7 Chicago Street are practically bare. Our youth will be collecting food tonight from 4:00 to 6:00, but they will also be passing out grocery bags at the end of this service in hopes you will take one home, fill it and bring it back next Sunday. The usual basic items are ALWAYS needed: pork 'n' beans, canned fruit, saltine crackers, both kinds of peanut butter along with toilet paper, Kleenex, egg noodles, tuna and spaghetti. Spaghetti sauce in cans is welcome, also. "If you use it, our clients need it, too." Prayers for pantry clients and pantry volunteers are always welcome, as well.

## Nutty Kindness

"Random Acts of Kindness Week" is Feb. 13-19. What better 'random act' than giving a delicious bag of chocolate covered pecans? Bags cost \$7.50 and can be picked up at church during the week or on Sunday (from Sharon Crowder). But why wait for a specific week? Show kindness anytime (to others OR yourself)!



## Youth Collect Food Tonight

Because the food pantry's shelves are almost bare, our youth will meet at the church tonight at 4:00, divide into groups, and head to residential areas to ask for canned food contributions. They'll drop off what they collect and be back at the church at 6:00.

## Youth Mission Trip Meeting

Thursday, February 16, at 6:30 PM in the high school classroom, there will be a meeting about a youth mission trip. Any family interested should plan to meet with Stephen Howell and Chris Light to learn more and share ideas.

## CFW Program & Luncheon

To accommodate working women, the CFW has moved their general meeting and luncheon on Saturdays. February's meeting is scheduled for 10:00 - 11:30 PM, this coming Saturday, February 18th. Plan to come and bring a friend!



## Sunday, February 26, Youth Encounter!

In two weeks, the youth will carpool from church at 5:00 PM to go to Primera Iglesia Cristiana in Hobart.

## Bookies Discussion Group

On Tuesday, February 28, the FCC Bookies' will meet in the library here at the church to discuss Jean Thompson's book, *The Year We Left Home*. As always, anyone is welcome to join in!



## "Share Your Soles" Director Needs Help

The shoe box in the narthex marked "Share Your Soles Fire Relief" is for donations to Mona Purdy, founder and director of "Share Your Soles" (a program FCC often participates in that distributes used shoes to poor communities). Her house burned down a week ago.