

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Lord's Day Celebration of Word and Table

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2, 2025



This morning both Scriptures refer to the young. One of our readings tells of the call of the prophet Jeremiah, who seemingly is called to his prophetic role when young. In Paul's beautiful love poem of I Corinthians 13, we hear toward the end of the song of the contrast between a child and adult in their maturity in love. God is always working in and through us.



The Community Gathers Before God

As the Gathering Music begins, please create a quiet and respectful atmosphere so that everyone may prepare for worship. Also, please silence any phones or electronic devices.

Gathering Music Mary Jo Woody

Welcome & Announcements Gery Deaver

Call to Worship Gery Deaver

L: Fill us in the morning with your steadfast love, O Lord,

P: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

L: Let your work be manifest through us, your servants,

P: and your glorious power to all the people.

L: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

P: and prosper for us the work of our hands—yes, prosper the work of our hands!

(based on Psalm 90:14,16,17)

Gathering Hymn # 100 – “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Gathering Prayer Pastor Bob



The Community Hears and Responds to God's Word

First Reading – I Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (page 934) Gery Deaver

Second Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-10 (page 609) Pastor Bob

Children's Sermon

Anthem “Amazing Grace/Pachelbel Canon” Chancel Choir

Sermon

The Prayers

Call to Prayer (sung)

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

Words & Music: African-American Spiritual; DESMOND

Our Prayer Concerns Tim Jones

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the Community Pastor Bob



The Community Shares a Meal at Christ's Table

Hymn # 428 – “An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine” (v. 1,4)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution Pastor Bob

Table Prayer Tim Jones

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Breaking of the Bread Pastor Bob

Sharing of Holy Communion

All are welcome to come forward to share Holy Communion.

Please place used cups in the basket before returning to your seat.

If unable to come forward, please raise your hand so Communion can be brought to you.

Communion Music

Mary Jo Woody

Song of Thanksgiving (*sung*)

**Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore.
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

Words: Edward H. Plumptre Music: Arthur H. Messiter MARION

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (*in unison*)

Tim Jones

God, since birth you have yearned for us, called us and pulled us to yourself in love. We admit sometimes we have ignored you or solely reacted on our terms. Knowing your love never ends, open us to your presence now and always. Receive now our gifts and lives given to your service, that your gifts of faith, hope and love in our lives may be seen by others; through Christ the Lord. Amen.

Community is Sent to Love and Serve

Blessing and Sending

Pastor Bob

Sending Hymn # 526 – “The Gift of Love”

Departing Music

Mary Jo Woody



1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

Welcome to worship at First Christian Church. If you are a visitor or guest, we especially welcome you and are glad you are here.

To assist everyone in their worship this morning, please be aware that large print bulletins are available on the table by the entry doors. If you need hearing assistance, please see the sound booth attendant for a hearing device. The restrooms are in the upstairs hallway by the elevator. Offering plates are not passed during the service, but those who wish to leave an offering may do so in an offering plate as you come forward to Communion. Please know that all are welcome to share Holy Communion, for Christ invites you and turns no one away. ***We want you to know God loves you and so do we!***



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a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.
As part of the one body of Christ
we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”*