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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost – November 14, 2021

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome Dr. Mark Bender

Please let us know you're here by texting FCC to 77411.

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Claire Baer

Opening Hymn No. 606

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending – vs. 1 & 3
***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***

***Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.***

Opening Prayer Jeanette Showalter

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Claire Baer

1 John 3:11-24

Children's Message and Blessing of the Coats for Kids Claire Baer & Dr. Mark Bender

Holy and loving God: your son Jesus told us that whatever we do for the least of your children, we do for you. We present these coats, and ask that you bless them and the children who receive them. May the warmth of these coats reflect the warmth of your love, and may the children feel that love through these coats. In your Son's name, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Dr. Mark Bender

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Special Music *What Shall I Render to My God* – Lovelace Chancel Choir

Sermon *Modeling My Faith* Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *I Come with Joy* – vs. 1, 2 & 5 No. 420

***I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.***

***I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.***

***Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution Kathleen Lauck

Prayers for the Bread & Cup Linda C. Carr & Larry Spradley

Music during Communion Brianna Boone, mezzo soprano; Laura Pease, oboe
Take My Life and Let It Be - Courtney

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn *We Give Thee but Thine Own* – vs. 1, 2 & 5 No. 382

***We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

***May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first fruits give.***

***And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be;
what e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.***

Benediction Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Jean Puckett given by Unity III Study Club, Glenn & Linda Tole, Judy Muir, Larry & Treva Spradley.

In memory of Andrea Woods given by Glenn & Linda Tole.

Sermon Notes

1. Signs and symbols

2. Observable to be credible

3. Assurance for our doubts

4. How would you answer?

5. Why to and though the church?

Advent Boxes

This year First Christian Church is providing "Advent Boxes" for families to use each day during the Advent season. In these boxes you will be provided with the book "Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas." This book will be your guide for fun daily activities and reflection. In this box some materials have been provided for activities and if an activity is not from the book you will find an envelope with instructions.

Boxes will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 21 and 28. We hope you find this Christ-centered resource useful and meaningful this Christmas season.

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, November 28th. and we need people to bring in the wreaths during the 10:45 Worship Service!! Please let the Office, 692-2282, or Cheryl Smiley, 867-4425, know if you can help!!

Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger

January 8, 2022
Fellowship Hall

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 14 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT SUNDAY BLESSING OF THE COATS / THANKSGIVING OFFERING		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	Commitment Sunday Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Coats for Kids – Sorting Coats	Fellowship Hall
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School–Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Rm 403/Gym
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rm 402/405
Monday, November 15		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First “CCF” (M-F)	
9:00–10:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool “YAS” (M-F)	
9:00am–1:00pm	Coats & Kids – Sorting & Delivering Coats (M-Th)	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	YAS Music	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	CWF Group 1 Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Leadership Development (Nomination) Committee	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 16		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 310
2:00 pm	Advent Box Packing	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Faith Formation Ministry Meeting	Zoom
6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
7:00 pm	Communications & Technology Ministry Meeting	Room 222
Wednesday, November 17		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Music	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Fall Bible Study	Room 310
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, November 18		
Friday, November 19		
9:00-10:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:45 am	YAS Thanksgiving Feast	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	CCF Thanksgiving Celebration	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 20		
9:45 am	Delivery of Thanksgiving Baskets	Outside the Fellowship Hall