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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost – November 20, 2022

THE GATHERING

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

Welcome Dr. Mark Bender

Prelude Sally Wilson

Call to Worship Jeanette Showalter

Opening Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* No. 718

***Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.***

***All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky,
all the spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'er-flowing stores.***

***These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.***

Opening Prayer Jeanette Showalter

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Joshua 4:1-9 Debbie Watson

Children's Message Dr. Mark Bender

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.

Anthem

Sing Thankful Praise – Nix

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Legacy

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

I Am Thine, O Lord – vs. 1 & 2

No. 601

***I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Bill Jennings

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Richard Phillips & Jerry Johnson

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 OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory

Sing to the Lord of Harvest – arr. Wetzler

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

*Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God – vs. 1 & 3

No. 715

***Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

*All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Benediction

Jeanette Showalter

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of William Lancaster (father of Nancy Smith) given by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

The cornucopia arrangement is given by Ann Hunter in memory of her parents and in honor of her family and her church family. Thanks to Emily Wilson, Cindy Hernandez and Roma Prassel for their help.

The Picture of a Generous Disciple

PICTIONARY

Legacy

Sermon Notes

1. Senior wills

2. The operative question

3. A new and welcome chapter

4. A monument to faithfulness

5. Making memories together

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, November 13 Stewardship Campaign Commitment Sunday / Thanksgiving Special Offering		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	Fellowship Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
NO	College Bible Study	Qdoba's
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402/405
6:00 pm	New Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 21		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" Closed This Week	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	CWF Service Day Preparing the Wreaths	Room 310
1:00 pm	CWF Group 1 Meeting & Lunch	Room 310
6:00 pm	Leadership Development Committee Meeting	Room 310
6:00 pm	CCF Health & Safety Training	Room 306
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, November 23		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
NO	Stretch Class	Parlor
	NO Wednesday Evening Activities	
Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day		
	Church Building Offices & All Programs Closed	
Friday, November 25		
	Church Building Offices & All Programs Closed	
Saturday, November 26		

Manners Matter

Manners Matter is an etiquette program for 5th and 6th graders taught by the fun and energetic Dee King. During this program students will learn simple etiquette like handshakes, introductions, small talk, table manners, and social media etiquette. Manners Matter will take place on Thursday evenings beginning January 12 and ending on February 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Cost is \$100 per student. Registration for FCC church members will open on November 21 and General Registration will open November 28.

Night in Bethlehem

Join us Sunday, December 11, from 5:30-7:00 pm for "A Night In Bethlehem"! During this Christmas program, families wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Unlike your typical "living Nativity," everyone will create unique keepsakes as they interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story. If you would like to volunteer to help in a station or as a greeter, please contact Claire Baer or call the church office (940-692-2282).

my time

"Be careful, then, how you live not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time."
EPHESIANS 5:15-16A

I/we commit to pray for others to make the most of their time.

I/we commit to "redeem" my/our time in the ways we act, in the things we say, and in the ways we give our time to others.

my talent

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
1 PETER 4:10

I/we commit to use the skills and capabilities God has given me/us to serve God better and enrich the lives of others.

my legacy

"Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." 1 CORINTHIANS 4:1

I/we commit to impact the future by sharing my/our faith and influence with the next generation.

I/we would like more information on planned giving.

MY 2023 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

my treasure

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity, I/we make this commitment to Christ's church and the ministry of this congregation for 2023.

Total annual commitment \$ _____

Per week \$ _____

Per month \$ _____

- Please send information about ACH bank draft.
- My/our bank information remains unchanged. Please continue ACH bank draft.

ANNUAL INCOME	5%	7%	8%	10%
\$25,000	\$1,250	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$3,750	\$5,250	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$10,000

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2022 Thanksgiving Offering

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) institutions of high learning have a long history of nurturing the faith life of students and developing Christian leaders who will further the work of transforming the church, society, and the world.

Students involved in Disciples on Campus (DOC) programs speak often about the warmth and support they receive and are grateful for opportunities to growth in their faith through worship, fellowship, Bible study, and service projects.

Those who go on to further study in our theological institutions are prepared for a wide range of Christian ministry including pastoral ministry, mission, ecumenicism, issues of justice, teaching, and beyond.

Thank you for your generous support of this year's Thanksgiving Offering. It allows our schools to continue shaping the lives of many, all to the glory of God.