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Sixth Sunday of Epiphany – February 12, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dr. Mark Bender
Opening Hymn	<i>Rejoice, You Pure in Heart – vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5</i>	No. 15

***Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;
your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

***Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,
raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

***Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as you go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

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

Opening Prayer		Claire Baer
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THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	Judges 4:1-23	Dr. Mark Bender
Children's Message		Claire Baer
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 *My Eternal King* – Marshall Chancel Choir

Sermon *Deborah* Brooke Reid

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *We Come As Guests Invited* – vs. 1 & 3 No. 386

***We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.***

***One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Chris Showalter

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Kim Ballard & Fred Gentry

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

Brooke Reid

Offertory

When Peace Like a River – arr. Grothenhuis

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

Rise Up, O Saints of God – vs. 1, 3 & 4

No. 611

***Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.***

***Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
with strength unequal to the task; rise up and make it great.***

***Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;
come sisters, brothers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Patt Giddings given by Craig Weigel.

In memory of Debbi Schmidt by Karen Watson, Ralph & Janice Benson, Richard & Maggie Phillips.

In memory of Christopher Rodgers (son-in-law of Sherry Tucker & Eddie Tucker) given by Keystone Class,

In memory of Carol Allred (mother of Ann Kable) given by Karen Watson.

Sermon Notes

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 12 Week of Compassion Special Offering		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:00-10:45 am	Sheri Sutton Book Signing	Library
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
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 Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403 & Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402 & 405
Monday, February 13		
7:30 am—6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am—12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 222
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, February 14		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
6:00 pm	Membership Ministry Meeting	Room 222
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:00 pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Room 305
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 200
Wednesday, February 15		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	MSU Mustang Meal & Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402/405
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, February 16		
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
12:00-2:00 pm	YAS Staff Meeting	Room 405
6:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
6:00 pm	Manners Matter	Fellowship Hall
Friday, February 17		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, February 18		
	Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby	Gym

Congregational Meeting

Today, February 12
12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary
To Vote on
the 2023 Budget & Board

A Book Signing for *Songs of Faith and Hope* by Sheri A. Sutton

Today, February 12, 9:00-10:45 am,
In the Church Library, Book Cost is \$15.00

RISE UP ANEW: SUNNY DAY CAMP



On a dark night in early December 2021, entirely out of season, tornadoes tore across eight states, killing more than 80 people and devastating many communities. Just eight months later, on a warm Saturday in July, two Disciples churches and several community organizations made sure that dozens of children impacted by those winter storms in western Kentucky spent time outside with friends and caregivers, reveling in a bright and sunny day.

As their churches were recovering from the storms, caring for their members and communities, and even hosting long-term recovery volunteers, pastors at First Christian Church of Madisonville and First Christian Church of Princeton dreamed of a way to connect with the region's youngest survivors—children from kindergarten to fifth grade who were affected by the tornadoes.

How could they care for children who had been through so much, so little of it they could understand? In the season after such fear, how could these children feel loved and have access to the care they needed? How could the church help them blossom and flourish—how could they, in the words of Lamentations, rise up anew?

With the support of Week of Compassion; gifts and volunteers from both congregations; and the expertise of Children's Disaster Services (a Week of Compassion partner), a medical team at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville, and Child Life Disaster Services (a local network of specialists with expertise in trauma, positive coping, and resilience), the Sunny Day Camp was born.

Children spent an entire day, at no cost to their families, going about perfectly typical day camp fare at the Western Kentucky 4-H Camp: canoeing, crafts, swimming, meals and snacks. And alongside these gifts of normalcy, trained professionals provided age-appropriate opportunities for processing grief and trauma. Children connected with therapy animals, worked with disaster relief counselors, and had a local physician available for care onsite.

A living witness to God's constant mercies, and committed to healing and wholeness especially among the youngest and most vulnerable, these churches and their local partners put your Week of Compassion gifts to work, transforming suffering into hope, so that churches, communities, and children can rise up anew, together.



Our hope is rooted and nourished by God's steadfast, abundant, enduring, ever-in-supply and in season compassion. Remembering the compassion of God can ease the pain of what seems like a never-ending news cycle of devastation.

Yet it is because I remember all this that I have hope. YHWH's favor is not exhausted, nor has God's compassion failed. They rise up anew each morning, so great is God's faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:21-23, The Inclusive Bible)

Singing this promise can give us the strength of heart to **RISE UP ANEW** when our hearts are weary from the work of caring about and for all those in need in this beautiful and broken world.

When rains come and waters rise, generosity follows close behind.

When fires rage and destruction looms, support and help are stirred up too.

When war and disease and drought are too close for too long, compassion comes closer, and God's mercies are made known through the gifts of God's people.

Through domestic disaster response in familiar communities; preparedness training



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for congregations and individuals; refugee response in the aftermath of national conflicts; and ecumenical partnerships that engage international disaster response and support basic human needs for shelter, food, education, and livelihoods Week of Compassion proclaims this truth: God's mercies **RISE UP ANEW** each day.

Because of your generosity, Week of Compassion meets people and communities in the midst of grief and lament, in the deepest moments of 'How could this happen?', as the very real presence of God's unfailing compassion.



SPECIAL OFFERING 2023 FEBRUARY 19-26

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

ITEM 1: The Stewardship Ministry brings before the Congregation of First Christian Church the recommended Budget for 2023 that has been approved by the Executive Council and Church Board. It's sometimes easier to understand our budget from the bottom up. We always try to honor the departmental/ministries budget requests and again this year, we've included those budgets at the amounts requested. Brief explanations for some of the increases are:

- 1) Property has about \$20,000 in unfinished projects from 2022 that they need to carry-over to 2023; and,
- 2) Personnel includes cost-of-living increase raises for all staff members plus annual increases for major medical insurance. Note at the bottom of the page that these two ministry budgets equal 85% of our church budget.

So how do we fund our budget??? Sometimes it seems like we're putting a jigsaw puzzle together. Budget Pledge Receipts (Estimates of Giving) are up 12% over 2022 actual income – THANK YOU for your incredible generosity!!! We have included last year's Identified Unpledged Gift amount before the Vaughn Estate gift was added in...and you can see that there are two supplements used to bring the budget to balanced – up to \$50,000 from our Special Funds and up to \$174,983.84 from our Smith Estate funds. Remember that those are the maximum amounts of supplement funds that we can use in the 2023 budget...it could be less depending on our cash flow.

Jerry Johnson and Eddie Tucker
Co-Chairs Stewardship Ministry

ITEM 2: The Christian Stewardship and Finance Ministry nominates Richard Phillips to serve as Trustee for the Endowment Fund for a 3 year term beginning January 2022.

ITEM 3: Approval of the Church Board for 2023-2024

OUR ENTRUSTED ASSETS @ 12/31/2022

SMITH ESTATE	\$ 532,842.04	\$ 1,143,886.44	\$ 982,903.66
ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 469,842.04	\$ 525,276.79	\$ 440,919.42
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 369,363.48	\$ 494,936.51	\$ 535,830.51
TOTALS	\$ 1,372,047.56	\$ 2,164,099.74	\$ 1,959,653.59

	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	% DIFF	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	% DIFF	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	% DIFF	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
INCOME											
Budget Pledge Receipts	\$ 775,831.00	\$ 754,313.55	-3%	\$ 715,717.00	\$ 705,010.91	-1%	\$ 712,808.00	\$ 717,203.82	1%	\$ 800,046.00	
Donated Pledged Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0%	\$ 3,000.00	
Identified Unpledged Gift	\$ 70,583.00	\$ 70,353.86	0%	\$ 99,192.61	\$ 93,652.22	-6%	\$ 119,440.00	\$ 322,713.33	170%	\$ 96,000.00	
Loose Offerings	\$ 6,751.00	\$ 2,292.00	-66%	\$ 4,521.50	\$ 2,060.26	-54%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,162.11	58%	\$ 4,000.00	
Special Day Offerings	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,004.00	-37%	\$ 6,502.00	\$ 7,477.87	15%	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,486.00	6%	\$ 8,000.00	
Interest & Dividends	\$ 3,041.00	\$ 1,081.02	-64%	\$ 2,061.01	\$ 9,415.48	357%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 637.40	-97%	\$ 1,000.00	
Special Funds Supplement	\$ 66,306.00	\$ 1,081.02	-100%	\$ 52,124.61	\$ 26,383.78	-49%	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	0%	\$ 50,000.00	
Other Income	\$ 36,847.00	\$ 64,687.49	76%	\$ 45,757.20	\$ 43,189.69	-6%	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 72,730.57	-3%	\$ 75,000.00	
PPP PROCEEDS		\$ 85,226.28		\$ 90,760.00	\$ 111,682.70	23%					
SMITH ESTATE SUPPLEMENT							\$ 126,000.00	\$ -		\$ 174,983.84	
Shrinkage @ 2% X BPR	\$ (15,517.00)			\$ (14,314.34)			\$ (14,165.00)	\$ -		\$ (16,000.92)	
TOTAL	\$ 954,842.00	\$ 985,958.20	3%	\$ 1,005,321.59	\$ 1,001,872.91	0%	\$ 1,094,083.00	\$ 1,169,933.23	7%	\$ 1,196,028.92	

	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	% DIFF	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	% DIFF	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	% DIFF	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
DISBURSEMENTS											
FAITH FORMATION (C/E)	\$ 20,325.00	\$ 15,433.72	-24%	\$ 15,270.00	\$ 17,030.07	12%	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,463.58	9%	\$ 18,500.00	
Membership Development	\$ 4,525.00	\$ 3,124.52	-31%	\$ 3,385.00	\$ 2,914.47	-14%	\$ 3,385.00	\$ 3,414.03	1%	\$ 3,500.00	
Evangelism	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 18,361.10	30%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,209.49	-4%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,123.13	22%	\$ 8,500.00	
COMM/TECH				\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,925.69	-8%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,949.97	-34%	\$ 7,500.00	
Worship	\$ 17,325.00	\$ 6,342.06	-63%	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 10,892.58	-16%	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,524.04	19%	\$ 17,580.00	
Property	\$ 219,500.00	\$ 204,334.64	-7%	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 219,809.14	-4%	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 226,545.42	-8%	\$ 259,250.00	
World Outreach	\$ 59,600.00	\$ 56,549.87	-5%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,176.70	0%	\$ 67,630.00	\$ 67,455.69	0%	\$ 70,000.00	
Stewardship & Finance	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 49,860.50	-10%	\$ 41,625.00	\$ 48,230.37	16%	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,899.65	10%	\$ 56,500.00	
Personnel	\$ 563,967.00	\$ 584,752.30	4%	\$ 627,091.59	\$ 628,684.40	0%	\$ 683,068.00	\$ 705,569.01	3%	\$ 754,698.92	
TOTAL	\$ 954,842.00	\$ 938,758.71	-2%	\$ 1,005,321.59	\$ 1,001,872.91	0%	\$ 1,094,083.00	\$ 1,105,944.52	1%	\$ 1,196,028.92	

NET TO SPECIAL FUNDS	UNDER/OVER PREVIOUS BAL	\$ 47,199.49	\$ 63,918.50
	2021 BEG BAL	\$ 111,117.99	
	2022 BEG BAL	\$ 84,734.21	
	2023 BEG BAL	\$ 110,492.31	
	UNDER/OVER PREVIOUS BAL	\$ 63,988.71	\$ 46,503.60

PROPERTY + PERSONNEL	\$ 789,086.94	\$ 848,493.54	84%
	\$ 1,013,948.92	\$ 932,114.43	85%

2022 FCC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE 2023-2025 CHURCH BOARD

TRUSTEE

3 Year Term

Kenn Hill

ELDER

2 Year Terms:

Rick Appling
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Linda C. Carr
John Cook
Fred Gentry
Woody Gossom
Robert Hernandez
Kathleen Lauck
Emily Wilson

LIFE-TERM ELDER

Gary Cook
Linda Cook
Howard Morris

LIFE-TERM DIACONATE

Harry Gordon

DIACONATE

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Jeanna Berry
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Jody Brannon
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Davidson Cook
Shirley Craft
Martha Elms
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Mark Pease
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Sherry Tucker

YOUTH DIACONATE

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Richard Phillips