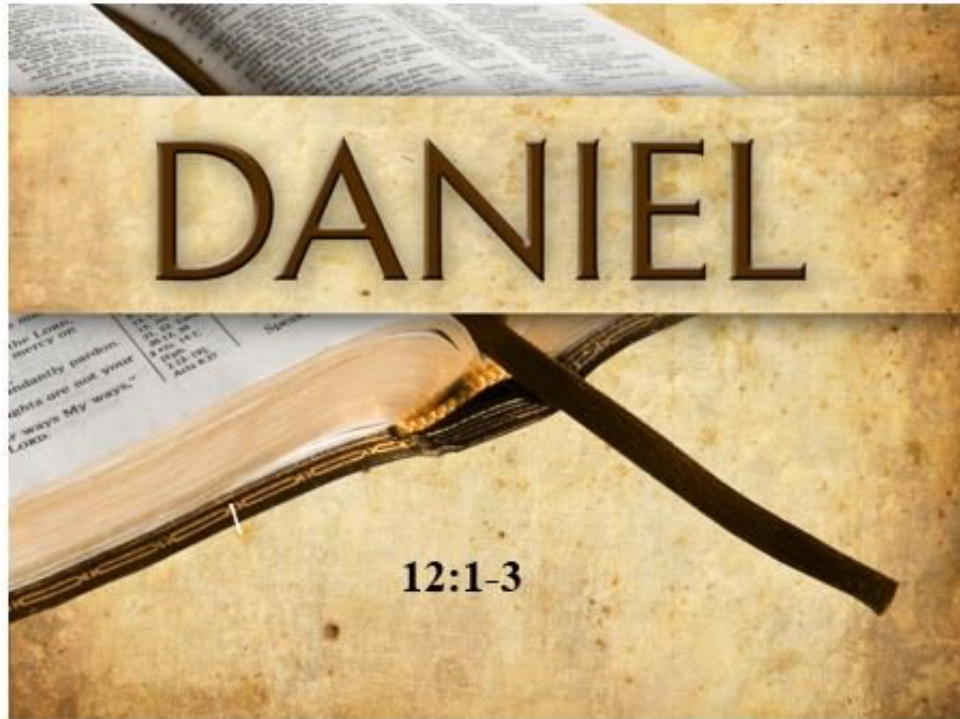




# First Christian Church

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*The Wise Shall Shine Like the Brightness  
of the Sun*

November 17, 2024  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Special Music - Sang By FCC Choir

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn - #98 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\**Passing of the Peace*

## Call To Worship - from Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: **I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

Leader: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

People: **The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

ALL: **I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also, my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

## Opening Prayer

*Most gracious God, we come into your sanctuary this morning in expectation of a word from you. Give us ears to hear and hearts to take in what you have for us this day as your people gathered here. Speak to us and we will listen. Open our hearts and minds that we may follow your will and your way for our lives together as your Church in this very place. Bless us as only you can and help us to be the Church you are calling us to be. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Keep us near to you, dear Lord. Thank you and bless you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.*

*AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Jim Phegley	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Dave Harper	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Bethel Ford	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Larrinda Wolf	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Mike Lintner	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Helen Putman	- Sandra Schauer
- Phil Lewis	- Dean Putt	- Larry & Betty Lintner	- Dan Wood
- Palmer Bennett			

**Scripture Text: Daniel 12: 1 – 3 (NRSV)**

**The Resurrection of the Dead**

*12* “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. *2* Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. *3* Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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Scripture Readings - Daniel 12: 1 – 3 (NRSV)

Sermon - *The Wise Shall Shine Like the Brightness of the Sun*

— Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

\*Doxology

\*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #77 - Be Still My Soul

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

*OFFERTORY & COMMUNION*

*The bread and the cup are distributed together.*

*Please hold until you are invited to partake together.*

\*Closing Song - God's Love by Hal Gray

\*Benediction

Our service is ended, go into the world, you are the Body of Christ.  
And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and even forevermore.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**Todays Meeting:**

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service -

**Weekly Meetings:**

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. - Balance & Strengthening Session

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Rev. Tanny Dawson Snyder

Beginning Balance As Of 11-04-24	2893.41
Expenses/Payroll	1524.47
Weekly Offering	2860.00
Difference	+ \$1335.53
Ending Balance	4228.94

**Announcements:**

**Week of November 10<sup>th</sup>** - Attendance: 31 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook

Live: 40, YouTube: 7 Approx. Views: 71-102

**Balance & Strengthening Sessions:** will be every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. Wear comfortable clothes and supportive shoes. Men and women welcome! If you have any questions please call me at 219-869-3513 or email me at [karenr6403@hotmail.com](mailto:karenr6403@hotmail.com). Please call Karen Wiseman at 219-869-3513 with any questions.

**Pastor Jeff will be on vacation:** Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> through Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Tanny Dawson Snyder will preach Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**The Office:** will be closed Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**FCC Singers:** If you are interested in singing, we will be meeting in the parlor at 9:15 a.m. We will be doing special music every Sunday before service begins.

**FCC Bell Choir:** We will be forming a bell choir soon. Keep an eye out, more details coming soon.

**Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday:** will meet Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2024. Meal will be provided by Heidi Phillips. Thank you Heidi!

**Operation Christmas Child:** National Collection Week is November 18<sup>th</sup> thru November 25<sup>th</sup> of 2024. If needed, we have boxes and labels in the church office. Christmas wrapped shoe boxes may also be used. If you plan on packing a box or multiple boxes, please have them to the church no later than Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. If you need some ideas on what to pack or have any questions, please call Betty Lintner. Betty Lintner has provided a box crayons in 28 of our boxes. The following items can NOT be included in the boxes. **Do Not Include:** Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid);

liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**Memorial Ornaments:** The Holiday season can be a difficult time for many.

Those who have gone before us are missed. Buying that special gift for that special person in our life can sometimes be hard. Again, this year there is a special opportunity to remember or honor those special people. Help us decorate the tree with a Nativity ornament by donating \$25 per ornament to be placed on the tree in memory or in honor of the special person. The back of the ornament will be personalized and will be available for you to keep at the end of advent. The ornaments will be placed on the church tree once we receive your donation.

Names will be listed in the bulletin. Complete the order form, located in the narthex, and get it back to the church office.



**Scripture Readers Needed:** Families, Groups or individuals are needed for Advent and Christmas Eve Scripture Readings. There is a sign up sheet if you are interested in reading(s).

**Thanksgiving/Welcome Dinner:** will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following service. Ote Wood and Betty Ploughe will be making turkey's. We ask that you please bring a covered dish or a dessert.

**Hanging of the Greens:** On Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. we will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to enjoy good fellowship and help decorate, please let Abbie or the church office know. Any and all help is appreciated!

**Website Update:** The FCC Website is almost finished! So far it looks great. There is room for pictures, a calendar, and much more! If you would like to submit any pictures of church events that you would like to share on the site, please email them to me with a little caption to share under the picture and I will be sure they are added. My email: [fcc.manageroff@gmail.com](mailto:fcc.manageroff@gmail.com)



### **November Birthdays**

- 1 - Kade Ploughe
- 4 - Shannon Dowds,  
Kristina Phillips
- 5 - Betty Ploughe
- 6 - Allison Malone
- 11 - Pam Sayler, Laura Maxwell,  
Jeff Seger
- 15 - Randy Kinnaird
- 18 - Russell Wiseman
- 21 - Connor Jackson
- 27 - Ava Jackson
- 28 - Jason Lintner
- 29 - Bonnie Phegley

### **November Anniversaries**

- 16 - Phil & Sharon Lewis - 1963
- 24 - Nolan & Casey Hitchcock - 2007