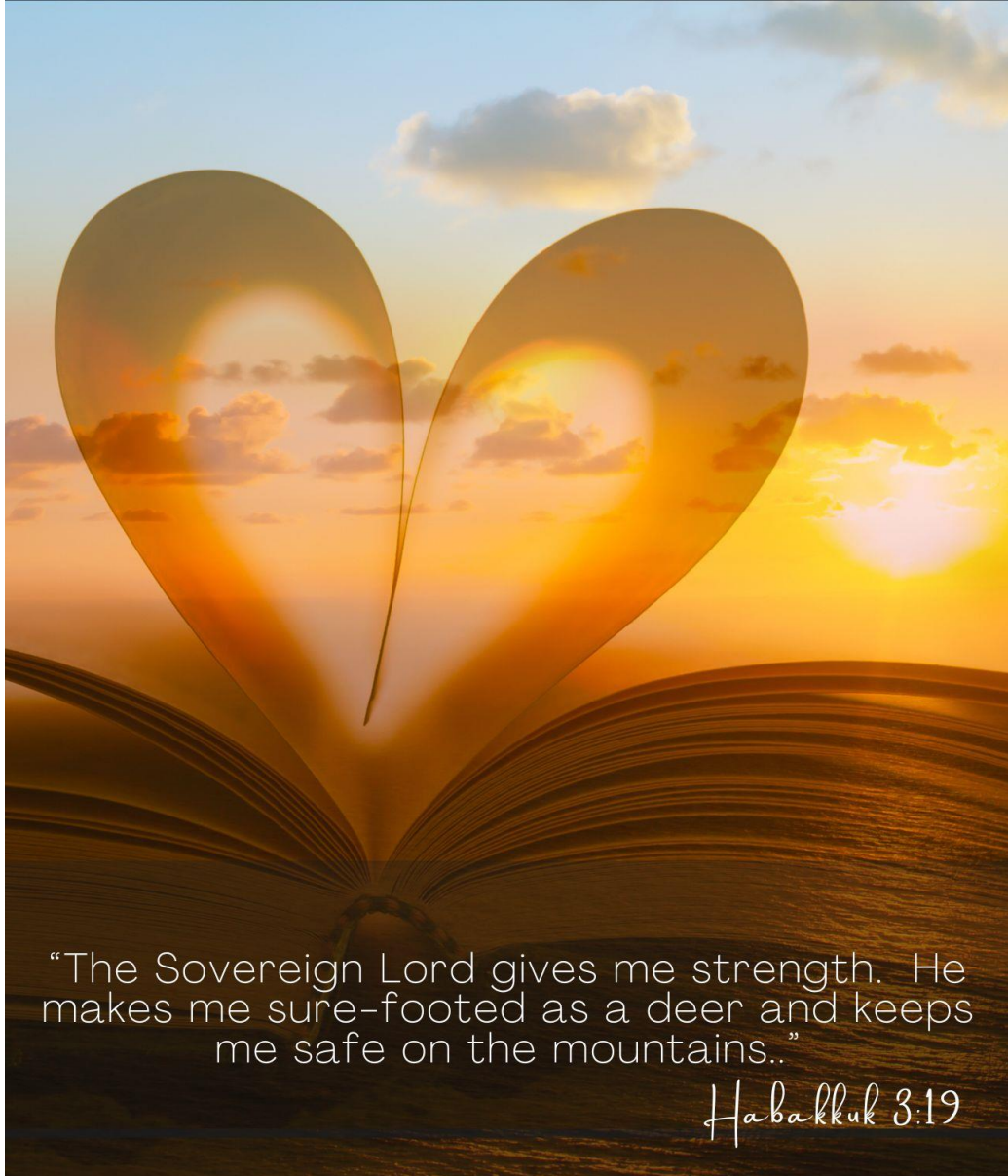


DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
First Christian Church 

Welcome

Sunday, September 17, 2023



“The Sovereign Lord gives me strength. He makes me sure-footed as a deer and keeps me safe on the mountains..”

Habakkuk 3:19

Prayer Concerns

Mark Bishop amputation in Canton- to move to Altercare of
Alliance sometime next week

Sue DeHoff.....recovering at home after knee replacement

Pat Filer's mom, Norma ... cancer removal on 9/13 in Monroeville,
PA

Sandy Kennedyhealth concerns

Tom Balestra recovering at home

Tom Hall back surgery 10/10 at VA Hosp in Cleveland

Marilyn Middleton.....returned home

Alice Freedershealth concerns

Milly Kellerhealth concerns

Jarry Stevens (Mark Reay's mom)shingles

Jim Higgins (Mort DeHoff) numerous health concerns

Dave Strub numerous health concerns

Jennifer Smythers' dad, Rich Haverfell, 4 cracked ribs, bruised
lung

Debbie Whiteprayers

Becca (Mary Baker)prayers

Judy Natale fell and broke arm

Elliana White (Tara & Tia's niece)....St. Louis, on lung transplant list

Jane Schwartzkopf... health concerns & prayers for moving soon

Parker (Denise Wood)prayers for strength

Janet Vick..... therapy at home

Jennifer (Karen Henderson) and mom Pat.....prayers for healing
and strength

Dale Matthews..... hernia surgery and panniculectomy 10/27

Suzie Baker (Teeters' daughter)skin graft beginning-prayers for
healing

Mark McVaney (Eve Lacher)starting new chemo

Tom Hall (Milly Keller's nephew) cancer returned-treatment
pending

Dave Williams (Tom Rastetter) . cancer returned-chemo to begin

Tracy Rastettercontinuing vision problems after stroke in eye

Cathy Grovecontinuing prayers for kidney function

Warren Hubbard (Barb Hotchkiss).....cancer

Vicki Packeycontinuing prayers

Kaitlyn (Teeters)..... at home, getting stronger

Cheryl Ottcontinuing prayers

Adam Coss (Milly Keller)chemo

Ukraine and its people.....

Jen and Justin Burkholder family missionaries

9:00 Casual Service

❖ Stand as you feel led

- ❖ Opening Praises **“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”**
- Welcome & Announcements Pastor Steve Smythers
- Call to Worship Deb Skubiak, Elder
- Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor Steve Smythers
- Scripture: Romans 14: 1-12
- Message: **"Forgive us our trespasses"**
Pastor Steve Smythers
- Invitation to Church Membership Pastor Steve Smythers
- ❖ Invitation Hymn **“Jesus, Your Name”**
- ❖ Confession of Faith Pastor Steve Smythers
- “I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God,
and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Savior.”*
- Invitation to Offering/Prayer Pastor Steve Smythers
- Offering Hymn **“Amazing Love”**
instrumental
- Invitation to Communion/Prayer Deb Skubiak, Elder
- All believers in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the
bread and cup as they are passed. Please partake as
you are served.*
- ❖ Closing Hymn **“Lord, We Praise You”**
- ❖ Benediction Pastor Steve Smythers
- Passing the Peace

You are invited to come to the Christ Candle
in front of the sanctuary after the benediction
of the service for personal prayers.

11:00 Service Order of Worship

PRELUDE "In Thee is Gladness"
Gastoldi/Cassler

INTROIT "We Bow Down"
Chancel Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Steve Smythers
❖ Stand as you feel led

CALL TO WORSHIP Kim Cully, Elder
(Exodus 14, Exodus 15, Romans 14)

Leader: Sing to God, for God has triumphed
gloriously!

All: God is our strength and our might!

Leader: Long ago God freed the slaves from
Egypt, opening passage through the Red
Sea waters.

**All: Here and now, God is our salvation,
leading us through dangerous waters.**

Leader: Who is like our God, majestic in holiness
and awesome in splendor?

**All: Every knee shall bow, every voice shall
praise the God of wonder.**

OPENING PRAISE "O Worship the King"
pg. 17 (vs 1, 2, & 4)

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Steve Smythers

ANTHEM "Lord, Here Am I"
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Romans 14: 1-12
MESSAGE **"Forgive us our trespasses"**
Pastor Steve Smythers

INVITATION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Pastor Steve Smythers

Invitation to accept Christ or join church

❖ INVITATION HYMN "All to Jesus I Surrender"
pg. 393 (vs 1 & 2)

❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH Pastor Steve Smythers

"I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God,
and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Savior."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Steve Smythers

OFFERTORY

"I Am Thine, O Lord"
Doane/Parks

❖ DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

❖ PRAYER DEDICATION Kim Cully, Elder

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Kim Cully, Elder

All believers in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the bread
and cup as they are passed.

Please partake as you are served.

HYMN

"My Jesus I Love Thee"
pg. 78 (vs 1 & 2)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pastor Steve Smythers

COMMUNION PRAYER

Kim Cully, Elder

❖ CLOSING HYMN

"I Serve a Risen Savior"
pg. 149 (vs 1 & 3)

❖ BENEDICTION

Pastor Steve Smythers

❖ POSTLUDE

"Forgive our Sins"
Currie

PASSING THE PEACE

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sanctuary after the benediction of the service for
personal prayers.

NOTES:

Week of, September 17, 2023

TODAY	9:00	Casual Service
	9:00	Children Worship & Wonder
	9:15	JUNIOR CHURCH
	10:00	Sunday School All Ages
	10:00	TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL IN GYM
	11:00	Traditional Service
	3:30	Pavilion Rental
	5-7	YOUTH KICKOFF-PAVILION
	6:00	BIBLE STUDY-LIVENGOOD CLASSROOM
	7:00	AA Meeting-FH
MON	9:15	Pickleball
	6:00	AA Group
	6:30	Evangelism
	7:30	Elder Mtg
TUE	10:30	Senior Exercise
	1:30	Worship Service – FH
	6:30	Power of Positive Prayer
	6:30	Scouts-Pavilion
WED	9:15	Pickleball
	6:00	CMF-Pavilion
	6:00	LNO @ Panchos
	7:30	Praise Team
THU	8:00	Men's Breakfast
	8:00	ACH Classroom rental
	10:30	Senior Exercise
	11:00	Bible Study-Pastor Steve
	5:30	Women's Fellowship
FRI	7:00	Gym Rental-volleyball
SUN	4:00	PET BLESSING

BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR STEVE...

Begins **today at 6PM** All in the Adult Sunday School **and repeats Thursdays** beginning Sept 21st at 11am. room across from the Genesis Classroom.

Week of, September 17, 2023

YOUTH KICKOFF PICNIC TODAY 5-7

All teens and their families are invited to the pavilion 5-7 PM to gather with Sierra, our youth leader, for a fun-filled evening. It's a great opportunity to build connections and ensure all the necessary paperwork is completed. We'll engage in exciting games, indulge in delicious snacks, and even make some s'mores! Sierra can't wait to share her exciting plans for the upcoming year, including an upcoming Escape Room outing. See you there!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 24

Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 AM, a brief meeting of all church members will be held in the sanctuary to vote on the board's recommendation to update the sanctuary projection system. Funding will come from the trust funds, not to exceed \$19,000.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, SEPT 21, 5:30

"Living Clean" - We'll kick off the evening with a light supper, followed by a meaningful devotional session, and then some light cleaning. It's an excellent opportunity to nurture our faith while lending a helping hand.

DRIVE THRU PET BLESSING NEXT WEEK...

Join us for a special event on September 24 at 4 PM as we hold a drive-through Pet Blessing! Simply drive up to the front of the building or the portico, and Pastor Steve will be there to say a heartfelt blessing for your furry (or not so furry) friends. You'll also receive a certificate to commemorate this blessed occasion.

STARTING SOON...

Sunday, October 1 we will kick off OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD! We will need financial donations, gift donations and volunteers to organize the supplies to be packed by the children during their Sunday school classes. How would you like to help? See Jen Lewis to assist in this special project that is guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit!

Week of, September 17, 2023

Scripture: Romans 14: 1-12

Message: "Forgive us our trespasses"

Pages: Page 163, NT

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
And the power and the
Glory, forever.
Amen.

We are thankful for each and every one of you who blessed us with your presence today.

Pastor Pastor Steve Smythers
Christian Ed Director Jennifer Lewis
Youth Director Sierra Lacivita
Keyboardist Diane Zwick
Organist Jeri Scafidi
Choir Director Charlene Duro
Office Manager Eve Lacher
Ministers Everyone

SUNDAYS
9AM Casual
11AM Traditional

TUESDAYS
1:30PM Worship Service
6:30PM Positive Prayer Group

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