

Welcome to worship!

We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Childcare: All children are welcome in our service. Parents please keep your children with you. There are children's bulletins available at the entrances to the sanctuary and a worship activity center in the back. Our nursery (2nd floor) is open at 10:30AM for ages 0-4 years of age.

Communion: Our communion is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Jesus. Pick up a prepackaged communion cup with grape juice, available at either entrance to the sanctuary.

Offering: To contribute financially to the ministries of our congregation, gifts may be placed in the offering boxes at any entrance to the sanctuary. Visit our website for online giving options.

How to become a member: We are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), welcoming all who seek to follow in the ways of Jesus. To learn more about us and how to join with this congregation, speak to Pastor Nancy. Look for upcoming Guest Gatherings to learn more about who we are and how to be a part of FCC Morehead.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Nov. 21 7:00 PM Women of the Bible (Zoom)
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day. Office closed.

Looking Ahead

Nov. 26 10:45 AM Worship service—Advent 1
7:00 PM Advent Film Festival— Week 1
Newsletter articles due.

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

For those who desire our prayers:

Samiah Cosquilla, Michael Scott Gammon, Jim Whidden, January Price Reed, Allison & Mike, Doug Anderson, Helen Hall, Pam Hesler, Johnny Chafin, Walker Harris, Peggy Fleming, Ben McCormick, J. J. Balangie, Rex Chaney, Lola Smith, Maggie Miles, Janelle Hare, Betty Miller, Katie Parker, Jim Gross, Helen Rowe, Cathy Thomas, Tony Honeycutt, Mechelle Marshall, Brent Rogers, Jacob Morrill, Jean and John Roberts, John Gullett, Frances Pucket, Tammy Sholberg, Jim Fred Cassity, Brent Rogers, Joe Thompson, Eva Johnston, Hedy Caldwell, Ned Breschel.

For those celebrating birthdays:

Ellie Williams (11/22); Jim Gross (11/24)

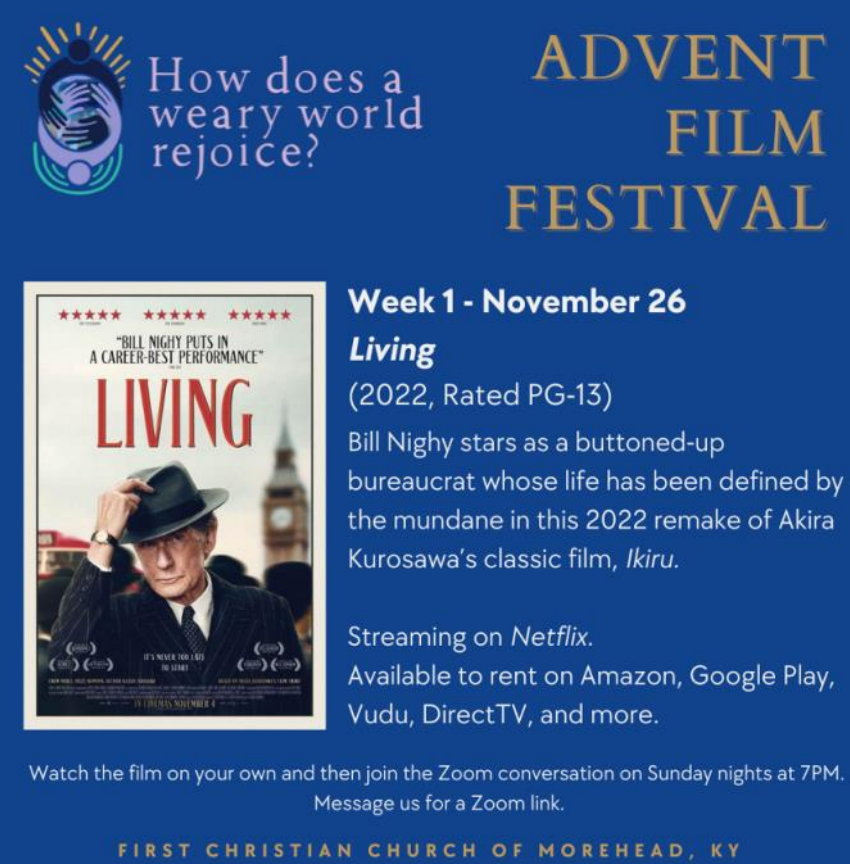
Prayer concerns and joys may be shared with the office.

Concerns will be posted for two weeks only unless otherwise requested.

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ADVENT FILM FESTIVAL

How does a weary world rejoice?

Week 1 - November 26

Living
(2022, Rated PG-13)

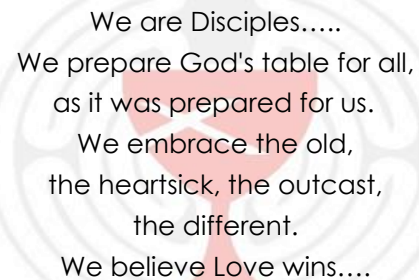
Bill Nighy stars as a buttoned-up bureaucrat whose life has been defined by the mundane in this 2022 remake of Akira Kurosawa's classic film, *Ikiru*.

Streaming on Netflix.
Available to rent on Amazon, Google Play, Vudu, DirectTV, and more.

Watch the film on your own and then join the Zoom conversation on Sunday nights at 7PM.
Message us for a Zoom link.

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WE ARE DISCIPLES



We are Disciples.....
We prepare God's table for all,
as it was prepared for us.
We embrace the old,
the heartsick, the outcast,
the different.
We believe Love wins.....

Minister.....Rev. Nancy Gowler
Music Director Genny Jenkins
Keyboardist..... Jiyeeon McGillicuddy
Interns..... Maura McCoy, Mason Pack, Logan Smalley, Katie Webb
Liturgist.....Leeann Potter
Elder Mark Etherton
Greeter Connie Kibbey
Audio/Visual Team.....Ethan Jenkins and Braeden Trent
Nursery Attendant..... Ellie Williams

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MOREHEAD

NOVEMBER 19, 2023



Acknowledgement of Land

For thousands of years, First Peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality.

We are gathered on the Lower Triplett Creek watershed, part of the traditional territory of the Shawnee, Cherokee, and Osage people, past, present, and emerging, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

November 19, 2023

Proper 28

**indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit*

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler

Bell of Mindfulness Leeann Potter

Prelude *Nearer My God to Thee* Jiyeon McGillicuddy & Caleb Fouts

Call to Worship Leeann Potter

Come celebrate the goodness of God

For the Holy One has made us and this earth which nurtures us.

We gather together in gratitude for one another.

For we are the bearers of God's blessings and love—

blessings for the earth and all people.

Let us praise God with one heart and voice.

We join together with all Creation,

with joyful songs and grateful prayers.

Prayer of Awareness Leeann Potter

*Gathering Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* 718

SACRED STORIES

A Time of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

**When we have failed to recognize your love
in the actions of friend or stranger,
forgive us.**

**When we have failed to recognize your presence
in the world in which we live,
forgive us.**

**When we have failed to remember your gospel
in our actions, thoughts and words,
forgive us.**

(pause for silent prayers)

God of amazing grace, hear our prayers.

Open our eyes to the power of your love,

a love which never ends,

a gracious love which restores us to life. Amen.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Leeann Potter

Listen for God's Word coming to us in Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* FCC Choir

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Rev. Nancy Gowler

Heavenly words for earthly people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Stories We Tell Ourselves* Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

*Song of Response *For the Fruit of All Creation* 714

Prayers of the People Leeann Potter

Deepest gratitude . . .

Sung Response:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

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.

Passing of the Peace Rev. Nancy Gowler

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

Invitation to the Table Mark Etherton

All are welcome at Christ's table.

Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.

Our Sacred Story at the Table Rev. Nancy Gowler

Communion Prayer Mark Etherton

The Sharing Rev. Nancy Gowler

Meditation *He Took the Cup* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

Communion Response Rev. Nancy Gowler

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Over powers and authorities,

over all who govern the life of the world.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Of the poor, of the broken,

the sinned against and the sinner,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Above the Church, beyond our best thoughts of him,

and in the quiet corners of our hearts,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Closing Words of Hope Rev. Nancy Gowler

*Sung Response *Precious Name* 625 (v. 1)