

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. Children's bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances and the worship activity center in back. Our nursery (2nd floor) is open at 10:30am for ages 0-4 years.

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, place gifts in the offering boxes at any sanctuary entrance. To visit our website for online giving options, scan QR code.



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

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| Jan. 28 | | Newsletter articles due. |
| Jan. 30 | 7:00 PM | Women of the Bible (Zoom) |
| Jan. 31 | 7:00 PM | Choir rehearsal |
| Feb. 1 | 7:00 PM | Vespers (Zoom) |

Looking Ahead

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| Feb. 14 | 4:00 PM | Pastor's class for baptism |
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OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia

For those who desire our prayers:

Wendell Jones, Tim Stevens, Diana Lindsey, Ruth Mayer, Anne Buckner, Jake Duby, Jim Whidden, Rex Chaney, Lola Smith, Janet Mayer, Jim Gross, Maggie Miles, Cathy Thomas, Tony Honeycutt, Stacy Baker, Jim Fred Cassity, Eva Johnston, Hedy Caldwell, Ned Breschel.

For those celebrating birthdays: Dewayne Carter (1/21), Mark Etherton (1/23), Tommy Griffith (1/25), Ginny Etherton (1/27), Tim Hare (2/1).

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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Psalm 111

(a Hebrew alphabet acrostic psalm of praise)

Hallelujah!

א I acclaim the Lord with full heart
ב in the council of the upright and the assembly.
ג Great are the deeds of the Lord,
ד discovered by all who desire them.
ה Glory and grandeur His acts
ו and His bounty stands for all time.
ז A remembrance He made of His wonders,
ח gracious and merciful the Lord.
ט Sustenance He gives to those who fear Him,
י He recalls forever His pact.
כ The power of His deeds He told His people,
ל to give them the nations' estate.
מ His handiwork, truth and justice,
נ trustworthy all His precepts,
ס Staunch for all time, forever,
ע fashioned in truth and right.
פ Redemption He sent to His people,
צ forever commanded His pact.
ק Holy and awesome His name.
ר The beginning of wisdom—the fear of the Lord,
ש good knowledge to all who perform it.

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.....

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| Minister | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Music Director | Genny Jenkins |
| Keyboardist | Jiyeon McGillicuddy |
| Interns..... | Mason Pack, Logan Smalley, Riley Stephens, Katie Webb |
| Liturgist..... | Stacy Baker |
| Elder | Jack Whidden |
| Greeter..... | |
| Audio/Visual Team..... | Ethan Jenkins, Braeden Trent |
| Nursery Attendant..... | Ellie Williams |

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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.

*indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

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| Welcome | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Bell of Mindfulness | Stacy Baker |
| Prelude | Only in GodFCC Choir |
| Call to Worship | Stacy Baker |
| Thinking we know all the answers, yet wondering if we haven't missed something: we enter this sanctuary of Truth. In the company of sinners, in cahoots with saints: we gather as God's people. Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith; seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom: we lift our praise to God. | |
| Opening Prayer | Stacy Baker |
| *Gathering Hymn | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise66 |
| Prayer of Confession and Assurance | Rev. Nancy Gowler |

For the ways in which we bury your light
underneath layers of busyness and denial.
Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us.
For the times we fail to recognize your light
in the eyes of the hungry, the outcast, the stranger.
Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us.
For the opportunities not taken to share your light
with our children and parents and neighbors and friends.
Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us.
(silence for reflection)
Friends, trust in the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

SACRED STORIES

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| Scripture Reading | Psalms 111 | Stacy Baker |
| Listen now for Word and Wisdom in Holy Scripture. | | |
| Our hearts and minds are open. | | |
| Anthem | O Give Thanks | FCC Choir |

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| Scripture Reading | Mark 1:21-28 | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another. “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. | | |

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| Sermon | What King of Kingdom is This? | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
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RESPONDING TO GOD’S STORY

*Hymn of Response The Summons

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the ‘you’ you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where you don’t
call your name? Will you care for cruel and
call your name? Will you set the pris - ‘ners
call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know And nev - er be the same? Will you
kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
free And nev - er be the same? Will you
side And nev - er be the same? Will you
you And nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, Will you let my
risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
kiss the lep - er clean And do such as
use the faith you’ve found To re - shape the
com - pa - ny I’ll go Where your love and

name be known, Will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I’ll move and live and

grown In you and you in me?
prayer In you and you in me?
mean In you and you in me?
sound In you and you in me?
grow In you and you in me.

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| Prayers of the People | Stacy Baker |
| God of love, God of light . . . hear our 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. | |

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| Passing of the Peace | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Peace be with you! And also with you. | |
| Invitation to Communion | Jack Whidden |
| All are welcome at Christ’s table. Everyone is welcome at Christ’s table. | |
| Our Story at the Table | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Communion Prayer | Jack Whidden |
| The Sharing | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Meditation | There Is a Balm in GileadJiyeon McGillicuddy |

GOING OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

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| *Closing Words of Hope | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| *Closing Sung Response | Water, River, Spirit, Grace366 |
| Postlude | Take My GiftsJiyeon McGillicuddy |

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