

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 back. Our nursery (2nd floor) is open at 10:30am for ages 0-4 years.

Communion: All who seek to follow Jesus are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction. Please accept a piece of bread and dip it into the cup before the communing of the elements. Prepackaged communion is available at each entrance for those who prefer to stay at their seats.

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

Feb. 2	10:45 AM	Worship service
Feb. 4	6:00PM	Worship Team Meeting
	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
Feb. 5	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
<i>Looking Ahead</i>		
Feb. 9	10:45 AM	Worship service
Feb. 11	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
Feb. 12	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

North Africa

For those who desire our prayers: the family of Ronnie Honeycutt,

Ansley Perryman,

the family of Ronald Claude "RC" "Corky" Davis,
 the Mike & Allison Matthews family,
 the family of Tony Honeycutt, the family of Ruth Britt,
 Nancy Gowler, Mitch Wilson, Noel Earl, Janelle Hare,
 Michael Scott Gammon, Ruby Pettit, Anne Buckner,
 Roberts/Hammond family, Daniel Rogers, Wendall Jones,
 Tim Stevens, Ted Trent, Kathy Perry, Katie Parker, Jackie Bailey,
 Maggie Miles, Bob Pryor, John Gullett, Jim Gross,
 Jim Fred Cassity, Ned Breschel, Hedy Caldwell, Eva Johnston

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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Help families transitioning out of the Gateway Homeless Shelter! Sign up to donate items for welcome baskets. Donations may be made through [Sign-Up Genius](#).



- Donors will sign up to bring 9 of each requested item (1 needed per month).
- The first items are due on February 2 and then on the 10th of each month. Collection area is in the Fellowship Hall (basement floor).
- Donors may choose to bring items each month, several at a time, or all the first month.
- Items may be ordered online and delivered to the church.



Access Sign-Up Genius here: [Gateway Housewarming Basket](#) or scan the QR code.

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.....Jiyeon McGillicuddy
 Interns.....Eli Campbell, Alura Schaum, Logan Smalley, Katie Webb
 Liturgist.....Susan Whidden
 Elder.....Anne Buckner
 Greeter.....Jack Whidden
 Audio/Visual Team.....Braeden Trent, Maddox Reinhardt
 Nursery Attendant.....Ellie Williams

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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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

The Season after Epiphany begins with the wise ones following the star and ends with the bright lights of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain. Epiphany means "showing forth," and it is during this season when we are called to look for how God makes Godself known throughout the world.

In his poem, "Epiphany" Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann wrote: "We are—we could be—people of your light. So we pray for the light of your glorious presence as we wait for your appearing."

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler

Bell of Mindfulness Susan Whidden

Prelude *Wide Open* FCC Choir
words and music: John Kontol, arr. Ed. Bolduc

Call to Worship Susan Whidden

Whom does God love?

God loves everyone!

Whom does God care about?

God cares about everyone!

Whatever our names, whatever our stories,

God cares about us and loves us!

Opening Prayer Susan Whidden

*Gathering Hymn *This Is My Father's World* 59

Prayer of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

Holy and gracious God, we confess there are times
we turn a deaf ear to your good news.

**Forgive us when we have been apathetic
in the presence of oppression.**

**Forgive us when we have contributed
to the brokenheartedness of others.**

**Forgive us when we have participated
in systems that enslave.**

**Have mercy upon us, O God, for we have all sinned
and fallen short of your vision for humanity as lived by Jesus.
Holding nothing back, we make our silent confession to you.**

(time for silent reflection)

God's love never ends!

**With this good news, we know we are forgiven;
with this blessing, we know that we are healed.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reading Psalm 71:1-6 Susan Whidden

Listen now for Word and Wisdom

as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Anthem *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land* FCC Choir
traditional spiritual, arr. by Glenn Edward Burleigh

Scripture Reading Luke 4:21-30 Rev. Nancy Gowler

Heavenly words for earthly people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Second Thoughts* Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

*Song of Response *O Young and Fearless Prophet* 669

Prayers of the People Susan Whidden

God of new beginnings . . .

hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Susan Whidden

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 Communion Anne Buckner

All are welcome at Christ's table.

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Our Story at the Table Rev. Nancy Gowler

Communion Prayer Anne Buckner

The Sharing Rev. Nancy Gowler

Meditation *I Walked With God This Day* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Closing Words of Hope Rev. Nancy Gowler

*Sung Response *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* 494, v. 1

Postlude *More About Jesus* Jiyeon McGillicuddy