

The Good News of First Congregational UCC and Christ United Methodist Church

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**Worship Notes For
November 3, 2024
9:30 A.M.**

**Celebration of Holy Communion
All Saints Recognition**



Worship Leader: Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith

Scripture: Matthew 54, Matthew 11:28-30, Revelation 21:1-4

Lay Reader: Susan Thomas

Ushers: Betsy Rogstad, Susan Thomas

Acolytes: Zurie Goss, Bailey Schrader

Choir Director: Jason Webster

Accompanist: Victor Tsai

Sunday School: TBA

Nursery: Gracie Kuszmaul

Fellowship: Dave and Debbe Rothweiler

Tellers: Steve Gettel, Carol Shipley

The service will be live-streamed on both church Facebook pages and a recording of the livestream will be available on YouTube later in the day and on the UCC website.



This week's service will focus on remembering those who have died over the past year. **Their names will be read, followed by the sound of a chime and silence.** There will also be a time to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of those who have died.

Election Day Vigil

Next Tuesday's election comes with concerns across the board. **In a time of great division, we will have the sanctuary opened up throughout the day on November 5 (9:00 A.M. – 4:15 P.M.)** for you to stop by to pray and connect. There will be candles to light and soft music playing. Every hour, we will hold a ten minute prayer service. **Rev. Lynne will be available for individual prayers and conversation.**

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



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Christian Education News

November 3 is Communion Sunday so **children will begin in Sunday School**. They will then join their families for the sacrament of Holy Communion and the conclusion of worship. **Nursery care is provided for children through age 5.**

Halloween Hurray!

The all-church Halloween Party on October 27 was a howling success! Lots of food, candy, and prizes as well as a dozen cute kids in costumes made coffee hour super fun. The time was filled with happy noise and laughter. Thank you to **Sue, Dennis and Ashton Turton, Dave Neagle and Bob and Janet Koostra** for decorating the Fellowship Hall to make a fun and festive party space! Also, thanks to the impromptu volunteers who took down decorations after the party, including **Noël Walker, Chelle, Bailey, and Chase Schrader, Bob Koostra, Sue Turton, Gwen and Jullian Valley** plus anyone whose name is unlisted. A great time was had by one and all!

Thanksgiving Basket Ministry

Wow! Almost ALL of the turkeys have disappeared from the display for the West Elementary Thanksgiving Basket Ministry, sponsored annually by the Christian Education Board and the Christian Service Board! **What a wondering beginning for this special outreach that ensures seven families will enjoy the bounty of a traditional Thanksgiving feast!** There is still time to choose one of the last few turkeys which list items needed to fill the baskets. **Please purchase items needed and return then by November 10.** Monetary gifts should be placed in the offering plate with checks written to FCUCC and "Thanksgiving Baskets" on the memo line or place cash in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Baskets". God bless you all for your never-ending generosity!

Adopt-A-Project Update

Thank you to those who have picked up an "Adopt-A-Project" task and are working to complete them. There are just a few projects left from the "Adopt-A-Project" Board.

Which one will you choose?

Here are the projects that are looking for someone to claim them:

- Clean Blinds in the main office
- Sunday School Windows (inside and out) rooms 2 & 4 (north side)
- Sunday School Windows (inside and out) rooms 1, 3, 5 & 7 (south side)
- Fashion and install downspout support near west entrance
- Clean and re-mortar brick wall in front of church
- Interior door stops – replace rubber stops and tighten





Greetings!

I'm so encouraged by the energy of our two churches. Thank you for all of your extra work as we unify groups and committees to ultimately find ways to serve Jesus through loving one another. Your presence speaks volumes about how this shared ministry will serve together into the future. I'm delighted to be part of the process at this time.

In conversations with my DS and Bishop, I will continue to serve Christ United Methodist Church through the unifying work, or in UMC speak: federation. In conversation with my leadership team, my role will be shifting towards administration, as Pastor Lynne will begin to shepherd all. We have yet to work out the fine details, but know that I'm still available and you still have access to me in this season of shifting gears as we move forward with some new plans in place.

My prayers are with both congregations as we seek clarity around how this shared ministry will work and be lived into. Sending love and light,

Pastor Dawn

Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Dinner	November 8	5:30-7:00 P.M.
Thanksgiving Potluck	November 17	5:00 P.M.
United Women In Faith	November 21	1:00 P.M.
Christmas Pageant	December 15	9:30 A.M.
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	4:30 P.M.



Women's Coffee Group will meet at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, November 9 at Miss Kitty's (2501 6th Ave. N). Topic is hobbies or items we've collected.

Pageant Rehearsals Soon

Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin November 17 following worship. There are speaking and non-speaking roles for children of all ages. Adult assistance will be needed for costumes, set and props, and helping to manage the actors. **Please contact Janet Koostra, 406-727-8443 or janetkoostra@gmail.com, to sign up to participate.** Thank you.

Alliance For Youth

Join us for our Founder's Circle Luncheon on Thursday, November 21 from 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Celebrating five years in our new home! 3220 11th Avenue S. **RSVP to Ellie at 406-233-1090**

You're Invited

Women's Christmas Tea
December 14, 2024
1:00 P.M.
First United Methodist Church
610 2nd Ave. N



Please RSVP by November 18, 2024 to Vibecka Olson, 406-781-0297

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our Stewardship drive. Follow-up phone calls will be made to those who have not replied. Imagine together the difference our resources can make!

74/137 pledges received for a total of \$175,760

Of those 74:

34 increased	\$14,500
26 same	\$33,920
9 decreased	\$3,922
5 new from last year	\$2,320

Last year's totals were 83 pledges totaling \$187,162.00

Coming Up

Friday, November 1

1:30 P.M. Grief Support, Parlor

Sunday, November 3- *Daylight Savings Ends*

10:45 A.M. Unified Worship Board, Parlor

3:00 P.M. Stewardship Board, Zoom

Monday, November 4

10:30 A.M. Canoeing the Mountains, FH

1:00 P.M. Christian Service, Parlor

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day Vigil. 9:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M., Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 6

10:00 A.M. Bridge Group, SS Wing

1:30 P.M. Pinochle, FH

5:15 P.M. Youth Group

6:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 7

4:00 P.M. Joint Facilities, FH

Friday, November 8

1:30 P.M. Grief Support, Parlor

4:00 P.M. Fellowship Board, Parlor

5:30 P.M. Spaghetti Dinner, FH

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