

August 1, 2021

8:30

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Our Nursery is located on the 3rd Floor, Room 300 (near the elevator)

Gathering Music		Dr. Bob Blair
Welcome & Life of the Church		Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"</i>	#709
*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:1-16	Rev. Meredith Siler
Sing Along		
Scripture Reading	John 6:24-35	Dr. Opsata
Sermon	One	Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship		
*Hymn of Discipleship	<i>"They'll Know We Are Christians"</i>	#494
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Morning Prayer		
Invitation to Christian Stewardship		Rev. Siler
Receiving Tithes and Offerings		
*Doxology/ Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Siler
Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
Invitation and Words of Institution		Rev. Siler
Communion Hymn	<i>"Draw Us in Spirit's Tether"</i>	#392
Elder's Prayer		Diana Geddes
Partaking of the Lord's Supper		
	<i>Please hold the bread and cup and wait to partake together. You are welcome at the Lord's table whether you are a member of this congregation or not.</i>	
Benediction		Dr. Opsata
*Postlude		Dr. Bob Blair

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Prelude		Dr. Bob Blair
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"</i>	#709
*Greeting		Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata
*Gathering Chorus	<i>"Weave"</i>	#495
*Gathering Litany		Delle Blair
Leader:	Let us gather within the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another.	
People:	Let us gather at the table of the Lord to celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence Christ.	
Leader:	Let us gather to remember our baptism into Christ by which we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.	
People:	Let us gather to worship the maker of heaven and earth to whom be blessing and glory and honor forever!	
*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer	(unison)	Delle Blair
	Creator God, you have given us the power of imagination, through which the future grasps our lives today. We confess that we do not give our lives over to the transforming power of your spirit. We choose not to hear you calling to us. We deny gifts you grant us. We fail to live in ways that build up the life of your whole creation. Forgive us, and give us courage, that we may open ourselves to the new creation you seek to bring within and among us. Draw us into the future toward the new world your recreating through the grace of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray:	
	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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen	
*Gloria Patri		#35
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:1-16	Rev. Meredith Siler
Special Music	<i>"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"</i> Stuart Townend	Bonnie Reeves Mary Vaughn

Children's Blessing		Elle Travis
	<i>Children welcome in the name of Jesus. Children welcome in the name of love. All are welcome in the name of Jesus. All are welcome in the name of love.</i>	
Invitation to Christian Stewardship		Rev. Siler
Offertory	<i>"The Lord's Prayer"</i>	Cathy Barker
*Doxology		#46
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Siler
Scripture Reading	John 6:24-35	Dr. Opsata
Sermon	One	Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship		
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Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
Communion Hymn	<i>"Draw Us in Spirit's Tether"</i>	#392
Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution		Rev. Siler
Prayer		Donna Perkins
Partaking of the Lord's Supper		
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Benediction		Dr. Opsata
*Sending Forth	<i>"Go Now in Peace"</i>	#437
*Postlude		Dr. Bob Blair

IN OUR PRAYERS Those serving in the Military and as Law Enforcement Officers, Raymond Aubrey, Mattie Baker (Patti Pullen), Ann and Joshua Banta (Judy Richards), Jan Barnes (Patti Pullen), Jackie Barney, Melissa Benton (Jane McCord), Bill Briscoe (Joan Lee), Thornton Bryan (Leslie Stamper), Donna & Denise Burgin (Donna Ritchey), Jennifer Collins (Patti Sharp), Karen Cottingham (Eva Ellis), Larry Cox, Phyllis DiCapua (Priscilla Barnes), Tim & Debbie Doyle (Larry Cox), Candace Dwyer (Mary Vaughn), Emory Fugate, Anne Gatewood, John Gay (Jerry Price), Terry Grammer (Mike Grammer's brother), The Greenwells, Col. Bill Grugin (Dixie Grugin), Lt. Col. Jack Grugin (Dixie Grugin), Mike Harrod, Rev. Don Hatton (Frances Cadle), Nelson Henderson, Tyler Howard (Ann Howard), Liz Hutchison, Lynda Jalbert, Don Jeffers, Karen Howser Judy (Fred Lee), Dr. Bob Kinker & Family, William E. Lewis, Jr., Bob and Patricia Lippert, **Pam Marshall (Linda Davis)**, Dorothy Mayes (Joan Lee), Will McManus (MaryLinda Wells), Chuck Mitchell (Fred Lee), Gary Mitchum (Eva Ellis), Sally Monroe, David Noble (Ann Griffin's Brother), Billy Penn (Eleanor Penn's cousin), Eleanor Penn, Jerry Price, Emily Quarles, Sue Ramsey (Larry Cox), Ysidro Rangel (Gina Williams), Jim Reeves (Bonnie Reeves' father), Scott Richards, Jacob Roberts (Lynda Jalbert), Aaron Rose (Mike Grammer), Patti Shields, Liz Smith, George & Hedy Stathis Family (Judy Richards), Molly Stigers (Fred Lee), Neal Stinson (Kara Bales), James Tandy (Judy Richards), Daryl Thompson (Irene Thompson's son), Stephen Tutt (Sue Tutt), Mary Vaughn, Tommy Vaughn, Beth Vernon (Bob and Linda Blair), All Volunteers, Carolyn Weber (Anne Winn Vansant), Lt. Gen. Glenn Webster (Dixie Grugin), Major Will Webster (Dixie Grugin), Dusty Whitis, Sharon Willingham (Joe Ann Wolcott's daughter), Barbara Wilson (Jeanie Harmon's sister), all victims of COVID-19 & their families and all victims of disaster & violence in our world.

*new additions in bold

FAREWELL RECEPTION TODAY

The Anna Merle Circle will be hosting a Farewell Reception in honor of Anne Hilien **this afternoon from 3:00pm until 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!** Anne will be moving to Mt. Sterling in the near future to be closer to her family. We will miss you, Anne!

THANK YOU

On behalf of my family I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the many well wishes, condolences and prayers for peace and support at the passing of my mother Edith "Pat" Dobson. We truly appreciate each and every one. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive church family.

Blessings to all,
Tom Dobson



Mary Snedegar	August 2
Andrew Henderson	August 3
Linda Davis	August 4
Nancy Ball	August 6
Addison Judy	August 6
Jan Ritchey	August 6
Sonja Kellerman	August 7
Bob Lippert	August 8

If we missed your birthday, please call or email the Church Office and let us know!



Registration Required!

Who: FCC families with children & youth

What: Eat & Meet (Dinner will be served as a socially distanced to-go style meal and an age appropriate, bite-sized program will follow)

When: August 18, 25 and September 1

Where: Meet in Fellowship Hall

Why: We can't wait to come back together in a safe way to rekindle friendships and catch up on all we've missed!

See you at church!



Register for Eat & Meet: <https://forms.gle/GapJ1o1fdPUKbJyJ7>

Mark Your
CALENDAR

Sunday, August 1
8:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 Sunday School (Adults)
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
3:00-5:00 Reception for Anne Hilien (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, August 3
11:30 Staff Meeting
12:00 AI Anon Meeting

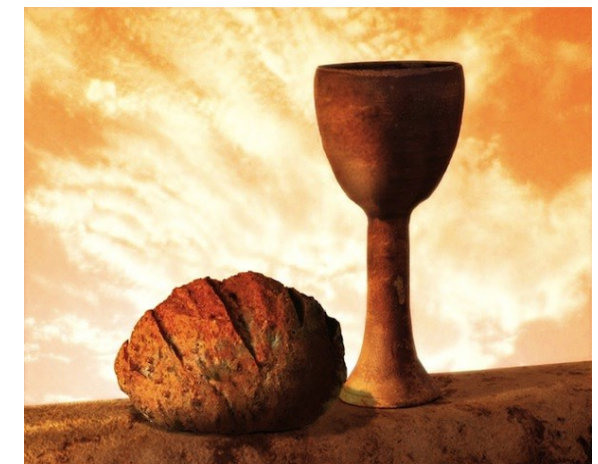


OFFICE HOURS	Monday	9:00 am—3:00 pm
	Tuesday	9:00 am—3:00 pm
	Wednesday	9:00 am—3:00 pm
	Thursday	9:00 am—3:00 pm
	Friday	Closed
DEADLINES	Messenger Deadline	Tuesday by Noon
	Bulletin Deadline	Thursday by 9:00 am

Welcome

"At First Christian Church our mission is to be and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth." To be a faithful church demonstrating true community, deep spirituality and a passion for justice."

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Rev. Dr. John Opsata, Senior Minister	Trina Koontz, Director, Youth Ministry
Rev. Meredith Siler, Associate Minister	Elle Travis, Director, Children's Ministry
Dr. Robert Blair, Organist	Maria Bartholomew, Children's Music
Dr. Lori Hicks, Chancel Choir Director	Beckie Glander, Facilities Manager
Raymond Danicki, Assistant Choir Director	Donna Ritchey, Administrative Assistant
Bonnie Reeves, Coffee House Music	
Rachel Mattingly, New Horizons Child Development Center Director	