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OUR MISSION
To know God and
follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- All Saints Hymn Sing, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- Church Women United, 2:30pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Coffman-Watson Meeting, 6pm, Anne Campbell's House
- Strategic Planning Dept Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

MDO Not In Session

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Drennan Meeting, 1pm, Lenoir Woods
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Bell Choir, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
- Chancel Choir, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH



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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 2ND

All Saints' Hymn Sing

PSALM 100

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM:

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

-OR-

AT-HOME, ONLINE: Tune in to our livestream on Sunday mornings on YouTube, or watch the recording of the live service—available on Monday via email/YouTube channel/FCC Facebook page.

*"First Christian Church
(Columbia, Missouri)"*

All Saints' Sunday

This All Saints' Sunday, we'll remember the following members of First Christian Church who have died and raised in Christ since November 1, 2024.

Steve Langley
November 15, 2024

Marjorie Carter
February 11, 2025

Tony Ritchie
December 2, 2024

Ron Longaker
February 13, 2025

Jerry Holloway
December 13, 2024

Betty Moon
February 15, 2025

Martha Sue Haynes
February 6, 2025

Richard Wells
July 30, 2025

Ken Cottle
February 7, 2025

Beth Nelms
October 1, 2025



All Saints' Sunday Hymn Sing

Alternative Worship Option on All Saints Sunday, November 2



There will be a hymn sing on Sunday, November 2 for All Saints' Sunday in the place of our typical worship format. The hymn sing will take place for both services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Bring your beautiful voices and look up the numbers of a few of your favorite hymns to prepare for Sunday morning as we sing together and honor our saints who have passed away since November of last year.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 2

Don't forget to set your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night to ensure you make it to church on time on Sunday morning!





News of the People & Places

Prayers of Health & Healing...

- **Nancy Watson** had surgery in North Carolina last week.
- **Mark Mills** was in the hospital over the weekend due to low oxygen levels.
- **Rich Montgomery** had some set backs this week, but remains at Columbia Post Acute. Visitors are welcome!
- **Helen Stemmons** was discharged from Columbia Post Acute and is officially home. She will receive physical therapy at home for her recent hip replacement.

Congratulations...



• Congratulations to **Carol Slusher** who is now a great-grandmother to eleven great grandchildren! Lux Schwenker was born last week, and is the little sister of Bronson Schwenker who frequented our prayer list earlier this year. Congratulations to **Carol** and the Schwenker family!

- Our very own **Rochelle Parker** was nominated for two Columbia Missourian Progress Awards - first for Progress in the Arts (community members who have made an impact in Columbia by advancing the role of art and artists) and second for The Sherman Brown Award (community members who serve their neighbors with the highest esteem and commits to treating each and every person "like gold").

Office Updates...

- **Topher Endress** will be on vacation from Saturday, November 8 - Saturday, November 15. All pastoral concerns should be directed to **Brad Stagg** during this time.

Thank You...

This was a wonderful birthday! So many friends with wishes and cards and flowers. But, today was a special day with **Steve Humble** bringing flowers that had beautified our sanctuary Sunday. Steve, thank you! Blessings, **Brenda Mosby**

Thank you so much to **C.K. Hoenes** for solving all of our tree woes this week! There was a branch dangerously dangling over the playground, and C.K. brought a friend, a saw, and a trailer to haul away branches for us. He even climbed the tree to help get the branches safely cleared. We are so grateful for his help! A huge thank you as well to **Holly Gieseke** for her hard work on an amazing bulletin board for the Fellowship Department!



Fall Church Landscape Day Completed!

Despite significant rain in the forecast, nine intrepid volunteers showed up on the morning of Saturday, October 18, with rain gear and a "can do" attitude to weed and clear the church grounds of dying summer vegetation as well as prepare for the coming winter weather! Once again, under the direction of **Mary Daugherty, Peggy Veatch, and Brenda Mosby** (who did her work and provided guidance earlier in the week), our hardy crew picked up litter, weeded, put down mulch, swept entrances, and generally shaped up church grounds until next spring's rebirth. The workday would not have been possible without **Fred Mottaz** supplying his truck and tilt trailer to haul four scoops of mulch. As a bonus, he brought grandsons **Zeke** and **Brock Mottaz** to give an aging crew some much welcomed help! Many thanks as well to **David Potthast, Eric Seaman, Dan Gieseke** and **Mike Randerson** for their hard work and braving the elements to make the morning a success!



NOVEMBER

Birthdays

- November 3** - C.K. Hoenes, Thomas Rose, Mason Silverwood
- November 4** - Ryley Batterson, Jean Juba
- November 5** - Delaney Batterson, Evan Dietzel, Lexi Hofmann, Gene Taylor
- November 6** - Jay Creasy, Jason Stanley
- November 7** - Dayton Dietzel, Janice Dysart, Linda Munden

Coming Soon! Christmas Bazaar

Annual Christmas Bazaar set for Saturday, November 15

Please save the date for the annual Christmas Bazaar! This year's bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Yonker Fellowship Hall. All are invited to shop for handcrafted gifts, art, crafts, and holiday items. We are looking for volunteers to help us make this year's Bazaar possible! **Brenda Mosby** will have volunteer sign-ups in the Narthex this Sunday, November 2, but you can contact her any time (573-881-8385) if you're interested in volunteering! We will

need bread & cookie makers, servers, and more to make this year's Bazaar a success! There will also be a display in the Narthex of items from different vendors so you can get a "taste" of what to expect at the Bazaar!

First Christian Church
101 N. 10th - Downtown Columbia

*Christmas
Bazaar*



**Saturday, November 15
8am - 2pm, Fellowship Hall**

Arts & Crafts
from more than 25 vendors
Christmas Cookies & Sweets

Coffee & Sweet Breads
Served from 8am - 1pm

A Christian Women's Fellowship Project

Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!

YOUTH
GROUP

CYF • 5pm • November 2

Chi-Rho & CYF • 4pm & 5pm • November 9

CYF • 5pm • November 16

Thanksgiving Potluck • 4-6pm • November 23

Meeting in Yonker Fellowship Hall



Stewardship & Finance Meeting

Monday, November 10 @ 5:30 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting

Tuesday, November 11 @ 6:30 p.m.



Organ Renovation Updates

Early last week, Reinhardt Construction completed their final step for the renovation of the organ chambers. The plaster has been repaired and painted, and are ready for pipes! We eagerly await the next step of the process, working with Levsen Organ Company to put the organ back together. Levsen plans to return to Columbia in early November with our newly restored wind chests to reinstall them and begin the process of cleaning and reinstalling the organ pipes. This process may take several weeks, so we will be looking for a few volunteers with flexible schedules who may be able to assist Levsen with this project. If you're interested in watching or helping with this part of the renovation, please contact **Dan Gieseke** (dangieseke2@gmail.com) or **Topher Otake** (totake@firstchristian.org) for more information! We hope to have a lot more information about the timeline and volunteer needs in the next two weeks.



Trunk or Treat

Rain or shine, we always know how to have fun! The rain on Sunday evening was the only bump in the road for our annual Trunk or Treat, but thankfully this wasn't our first time pulling the event inside! Despite the rain, fifteen or so "trunks" set up in the Fellowship Hall with bouncy houses and games. Over 300 people came through the Fellowship Hall throughout the two hours, at times with a line wrapped out of the portico door all the way to the playground at times with folks waiting to join in on the festivities! We are so grateful to our team from **Mother's Day Out**, who offered five "trunks," as well as several members of FCC! **Topher Endress** and **Holly Gieseke** coordinated an evangelism effort by creating fliers to hand out to families with ways to connect with FCC and information about upcoming events. We are grateful for all of our volunteers, candy donors, and treat donors for the cake walk. With your help, we were able to reach FCC families and community members alike by offering time and space for shared joy and community. Thank you so much for your support this year!



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And follow Jesus Christ.*

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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, November 2, 2025

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Carrie Batterson

WELCOME STATION: Steve Humble

FLOWER MINISTRY:

Mary Daugherty & Jacki Davidson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The Schaefer

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS: TBD

COMMUNION PREP: Tracy & Steve Evers

GREETERS: Bud Batterson (N. DOOR),
Don Mosby (S. DOOR), Stacy Silverwood
(ATRIUM), Ryan Silverwood (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Janelle Patterson & Dan Backues

LITURGIST: Tracy Evers

8:30 ELDER: Kurt Schaefer

10:30 ELDERS: Bryan Garton, Debbie Gar-
ton, Allie Schomaker (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Potthast Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Hayley Batterson

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Jean Juba and Sarah Storm