Welcome Statement

First Christian Church of Decatur (Disciples of Christ) is an open and affirming congregation.
We welcome everyone into full participation in the life and membership of the church.

Inspired and informed by God’s love, mercy, and justice, we are purposefully involved in healing and helping our community and our world.
We covenant with God and the greater community to nurture a spirit of love and service to neighbors, honor one another’s differences, and fellowship in the breaking of bread.

Actively striving to honor each other’s race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, family configuration, political affiliation, economic circumstance, or theological perspective, we truly do welcome all.
We Gather to Connect with God and One Another

10.25AM – Prelude  
“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”  
Ann Umbaugh

Summer Sabbatical

Senior Pastor James Brewer-Calvert is on Sabbatical from June 15 through August 15. Our Eldership and Staff are on call for pastoral care and servant leadership. This Sunday we are delighted to welcome to the pulpit Rev. Caley Hargrove, who is the seminary intern at First Christian Church of Decatur.

10.30AM – Welcome and Introductions  
Rev. Caley Hargrove

Opening Hymn  
“This is My Song”  
722

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight, too, and clover;  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations;  
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.  
In peace may all earth’s people draw together,  
and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give thee, let thy will be done

Call to worship:  
Jennifer Hasler

One:  In all times and in all places, God is with us.

Many:  God’s love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.

One:  Shout for joy!

Many:  Sing praises to God! Lord, make us ready to serve you. AMEN.
Unison Prayer of Invocation: Jennifer Hasler

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. Amen.

Song of Praise  “Weave” 495

Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, together in love.

We Receive and Respond to the Word

Lessons from Holy Scripture Rev. Answai White Burch

Genesis 3: 1-13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” 11 He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 The man said,
“The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

One: This is the word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” by Gary Lanier

performed by Isaiah Bell, Trumpeter

Sermon

“We Women of the Bible Series: Eve” Rev. Caley Hargrove

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Hymn

“I Come with Joy” 420

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread, in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and the Lord’s Table Jennifer Hasler

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Rev. Answai White Burch

(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us. When the Words of Institution are proclaimed, you are invited to partake of the Bread and the Cup.)
Words of Institution

One:  For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,

Many:  “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

One:  In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

Many:  “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

One:  For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Unison Prayer of Commission

  God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.

The Lord’s 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.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator
children all are we.
Let us walk with other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow
to take each moment and live
each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me

Benediction

Mark your Calendar

July 4 — City of Decatur fireworks on the lawn
Saturday, July 10 at 10AM — Chalice Thrift Workday
ONLINE GIVING

First Christian Church of Decatur is a spiritual community that transcends physical distance. In this unprecedented time, online giving is a way that the community can be supported.

As we often say in worship at the Invitation to Faithful Stewardship, “Those in need, please take; those with abundance, please give.” If and when you find yourself in need, please let us know so we might be of assistance. You matter to your Church, which is the Body of Christ. The missions of our church are imperative to nurture a hurt and hurting world.

For those of us who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing for us click the following link: [https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4142](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4142)

You can create an account or download the Online Giving app. Please send us an email on: fccdecatur@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Blessings and peace!

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