

*Hymn *God Be with You Till We Meet Again (vs. 1, 2)* No. 434
(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Robert Jones
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

January 23, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Nobilmente* Quentin Thomas
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Tina Miller

*Opening Hymn *You Servants of God (vs. 1, 2, 4)* No. 110

*Responsive Reading

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People: God calls us to be builders as well.

Leader: The Kingdom of God is built through testimony
and evangelism.

**People: May we preach the good news of God's love
and liberation for all people.**

*Invocation

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory
forever, Amen.**

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Children's Moment David Martin

Prayer Hymn *Seek Ye First* No. 354

Pastoral Prayer Michael E. Karunas

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Special Music (8:00) Dee Dee Gain
Anthem (10:30) *Gather by the River to Pray*
arr. Pepper Choplin

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *First Things First: The First Sermon*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn

Just as I Am, Without One Plea (vs. 1, 3, 4) No. 339

*(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith
and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this
Hymn of Communion.)*

Meditation Paul Gorden

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration Matthew Swarthout
*(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church
affiliation.)*

Communion Music

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of
Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our
Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

*Benediction

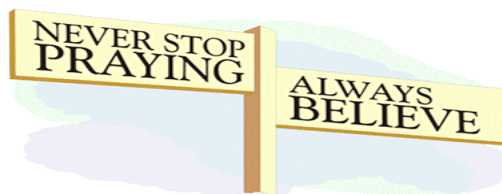
Prayer List

Members

Jean Booher
Barbara Tyler
Karma Lynn Carpenter
Unique Hess
Evelyn Sanders
Gretchen Barron
Linda Kuhns
David Ash
Morris Birkhead
David Poisel
Herb & Duff Knudsen
Bob & Pat O'Connell
Larry Pepper
Susie Bean
Tessa McCoy
Sarah, Chad, & Amelia Jennings
Lauren McLemore
Dean Gray
Helen Ryan

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Bobby Backes (nephew of Keith & Jeannie Backes)
Trysten Hall (son of Sheila & Charles Hall,
great-grandson of Lawrence & Sally Thickesten)
Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter &
grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary
(great-nephew of Marilyn Ward)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)



Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)
Warren Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)
Max Sperry (Randall Residence)
Glen & Arlone Dalluge (Randall Residence)
Doris Matey (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Ellen Sheffer (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)
Bess King (The Glenwood)

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
Janet May Carpenter (mother of
Karma Lynn Carpenter)
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry &
Marla Winkleblack)
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)
Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)
Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk)

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Friends & Family, continued

Sally Brown (friend of Roberta Gorden)
Ruth Albin (family of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Michelle Yeager (daughter of Gail Prince)
Mac Funk (son of Steve & Carrie Funk)
Dan Boynton (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Edna Straghan (mother of Kathy Kauzlarich)
Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash)
Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
Vicky McGorray (friend of Connie Bordner)
Curt Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Ronald & Harriette York (David York's parents)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Vickie Jacobs (daughter of Maria Jacobs)
William Dayton Keyes (great-nephew of
Gale Barnes)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Jeff Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members)
Debbie Seitz (friend of Julie & Ken Jacoby)
Jackson (friend of Janelle Beedle)
Linda Doehring (cousin of Joy Adams)
Zac Penwell (son of friend of Maria Jacobs)
Mary Teller (cousin of Steve & Carrie Funk)
Kim Klotz Schuhardt (relative of Mary Jane Oliver)
Linda & Wayne Mollohan (friends of
Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Larry Skipper (brother of Linda Hill)

Worship Extras January 23, 2022

Starter Question

When was a time God brought you through something difficult?

Sermon: First Things First: The First Sermon

Luke 4:14-15

- 1) Full of the Holy Spirit - how?
- 2) Returned to Galilee - from where?

Luke 3 - Baptism (Holy Spirit descended)

Luke 4 - Temptation by Satan (Spirit enabled him to endure)

- 3) A report of him spread
- 4) He taught in the synagogue

Jesus gave testimony of what he had experienced

Testimony - witness

Testimony IS NOT...

About providing data and factual knowledge

Being an expert in data and factual knowledge

Testimony IS...

About our experiences

Telling the story of how we experienced God

Being an expert in US! (our story and our experience)

John 9 - healing of a man blind since birth

Here's what happened to me

Here's who I used to be (blind)

Here's who I am now because of God in my life (I can see)

Evangelism

Evangel (Ευαγγελ)

"Good Angel"



Luke 4:14-21 NRSV

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."