

What shall we bring?

Interests and Information Volunteer Guide

You can tell by the sheer size of this document that there are SO many ways to share your gifts with First Christian Church! If you don't see something on this list that fits your gifts, you can always check in with the church office to find out more about how we can utilize your specific gifts. Thank you for sharing your time & talents with this community!

SERVE in the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

- ❖ **Greeter:** Our greeters are the first face our visitors and members see on a Sunday morning, and a warm greeting can make all the difference to someone new. Greeters are expected to welcome folks with a smile or a handshake, help with the heavy outer doors if needed, and direct any visitors to the Welcome Station or wherever appropriate. Those greeters positioned at the North and South doors also hand out bulletins as folks enter the Sanctuary for worship.
- ❖ **Liturgist:** Our liturgists guide the congregation through the reading of the litany and invocation on Sunday mornings from the lectern. The liturgist will sit with the choir and the ministers at the chancel until the Children's Moment, when they can return to their seat.
- ❖ **AV Team:** The AV Team is vitally important for Sunday morning worship, as they oversee the sound for 10:30 worship, as well as recording worship for those who watch from home. Every week, we have two AV volunteers – one oversees sound, and the other oversees the video recording. This team is ever evolving as we continue to decipher how to make our in-person and virtual worship recordings more accessible. Training is available for anyone interested!
- ❖ **Welcome Station Host:** The Welcome Station is run by the Evangelism Department, as it is the primary point of contact for our Sunday visitors. Welcome Station Hosts put together a folder of information for visitors, including ways to get involved at FCC and information about the Disciples of Christ denomination.

SERVE on Sundays

- ❖ **Flower Ministry (Arranging & Delivering):** The Flower Ministry is one of the most important behind-the-scenes ministries that happen each week. After worship, the Chancel Flowers from the sanctuary are arranged and delivered to members of the congregation who are sick, have important birthdays or anniversaries, or who are homebound and unable to make it to church in person. These flowers deliveries can mean a lot to our congregants!
- ❖ **Rideshare Driver:** We have a few members who need a ride to and from church to attend Sunday services, so our rideshare drivers are essential in getting folks to church! **Rideshare** describes members who would be willing to pick up another member and drive them in their personal vehicle.
- ❖ **Coffee Fellowship Host:** Coffee Fellowship is run by the Fellowship Department, as it is one of our primary opportunities for fellowship during the week and on Sundays. Coffee Fellowship Hosts arrive before 9:30 a.m. to set up a coffee station and set out snacks for those who like to gather during the 9:30 hour.
- ❖ **Office Receptionist:** The Office Receptionist serves in the Church Office on Sunday mornings from 8:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. This role is important because it allows the office to stay open to anyone who needs to stop in, pick something up, or call and leave any important messages for the church staff.
- ❖ **Student Ministry Volunteers:** Chi-Rho, CYF, Campus & Young Adult ministries always need snacks, chaperones, and leaders who can assist Topher. Chi-Rho & CYF meet Sundays 4-6, while other gatherings are sporadic throughout the year. We are also always looking for chaperones for summer & winter trips!
- ❖ **Custodian Sub:** Occasionally our Sunday morning staff are sick or need vacation time, and that's where our custodian subs come in. This is a **paid position** that's called on only a few times per year. Training is available for anyone interested!

Assisting AROUND THE CHURCH

- ❖ **Landscaping Crew:** Help keep our grounds looking beautiful! The landscaping crew helps prune, weed, and plant around the church grounds to keep the plant life growing around the building.
- ❖ **Property Work Days:** There are two property work days each year – one in the spring and one in the fall. This is a group effort to prepare all of our landscaping for the winter and the spring weather!

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- ❖ **Small Handyperson Projects:** Small projects around the church pop up from time to time – help the church staff with these projects to keep the church functioning well and safely!
- ❖ **Office Volunteers:** There are times when office staff go on vacation or have a huge mailing where we'll need some extra hands. Our office volunteers are a vital part of keeping our church office healthy and happy during the week!
- ❖ **Energy Bus:** Do you want a fellowship opportunity that keeps your hands busy? Join the Energy Bus – a group of volunteers that help with organizing and cleaning projects around the church. There's always something to do in a church this size!

Opportunities to SERVE the Community

- ❖ **The Wardrobe (2nd Friday of each month):** The Wardrobe is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit, thrift store. FCC's Wardrobe volunteers meet every 2nd Friday of the month from 1-4 p.m. at the Wardrobe (715 Park Ave), where they sell clothes, unpack donations, hang items, and get to know customers and fellow volunteers.
- ❖ **Loaves & Fishes Team (4th Mondays Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec):** Loaves & Fishes is a daily, free meal served to the Columbia community by groups of volunteers and church groups. FCC's Loaves & Fishes team serves dinner to 160-200 people on the 4th Monday of every other month. Volunteering might include prepping dinner, serving dinner, and helping with clean-up.
- ❖ **Breakfast for Our Brethren (Saturday mornings in May & October):** Breakfast for Our Brethren is a Saturday morning breakfast meal that FCC serves to the Columbia Community on Saturday mornings in May and October. Volunteers work from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. setting up, preparing food, serving food, and cleaning up/take down.

Ministries of HOSPITALITY & CARE

- ❖ **Children's Worship Teachers & Assistants:** Involves teaching elementary-aged youth bible studies through worship, prayer, videos, and games. Teachers work with Topher to develop lesson plans and assistants help keep kids engaged. *Teachers need to be adults with background checks; assistants can be responsible members ages 12 and up.*
- ❖ **Bereavement Meal Assisting/Serving:** When members of the congregation pass away and their funeral is held at the church, we need volunteers to help prepare for and serve at the reception following the funeral or memorial service.

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- ❖ **Provide Baked Goods for Events:** We are always looking for food donations, especially baked goods! If you love to bake, please sign up so we can reach out to you when we need special treats!
- ❖ **Hospitality Host/Set up for Fellowship Meals & Other Events:** We always need help setting up/taking down our different fellowship events. If you are willing to help with setting up and taking down chairs, tables, decorations, etc. please sign up!

MUSIC at First Christian Church

- ❖ **Chancel Choir & Chancel Bell Choir:** The primary opportunities to get involved in music at First Christian Church are the **Chancel Choir** and the **Chancel Bell Choir**. We are always looking for new members, whether experienced music readers or novices, and there are no auditions necessary! The Chancel Bell Choir meets on Thursday nights at 5:30pm in the 3rd Floor Bell room. The Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm in the 3rd Floor Choir Room.
- ❖ **Other Musical Gifts You'd Like to Offer:** If you are musically talented in other ways, please let us know!

Is there another way that you'd like to serve the church that isn't on this list?

Let us know how you see your gifts aligning with First Christian Church
and we can think creatively about how to connect you this year!

Contact **Erin** (fcc@firstchristian.org) in the Church Office for more information.