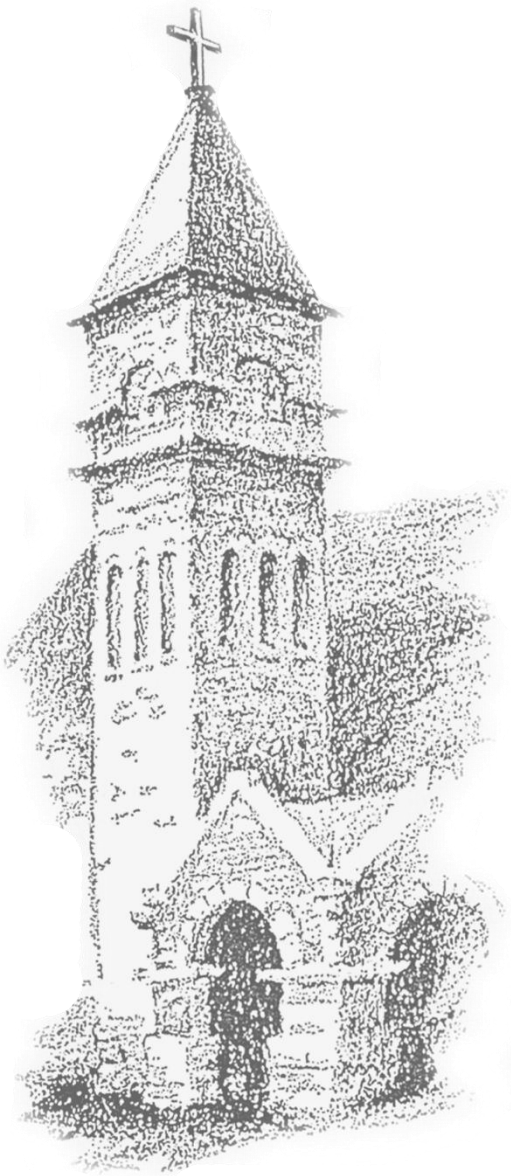
Worship



Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026 **8:30 a.m.**

Gathering in Praise

*Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements — Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude — *In Times Like These* — Travis McFarlane

Litany of Praise & Invocation: (the people read the **bold**) — Dr. Stagg

With lights burning bright or flickering low,

we wait together for the expected One.

Though some feel ready and others feel weary,

God welcomes us all.

Come out to meet the Lord, for God is in our midst.

Look the bridegroom comes! Let us keep awake and alert.

Let us worship God with joyful and prepared hearts!

Let us Pray: **Through the week of stress and demands, we come to You this day, O Lord Jesus. Awaken us again to Your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Prepare our hearts and minds for the many ways in which You call and sustain us. Make us ready to serve to You and all Your children. AMEN.**

*Hymn #67 — *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Proclaiming the Word

The Prayers of the People and the Pastoral Prayer — Dr. Stagg

Special Music — *Here I Am Lord* — Travis McFarlane

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 (NT p. 28)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Sermon — *Foolish & Wise Bridesmaids* — Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship — Dr. Stagg

*Hymn #464 (v. 1-4) — *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Music Travis McFarlane

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table Dr. Stagg

Words of Institution

Elder's Prayer and Lord's Prayer Eric Seaman

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.

Our time of communion is open to all followers of Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Pass the trays to the middle of the pew, then back to the deacon. Hold the elements in the cups for unison partaking at the minister's invitation. ***Gluten free*** *communion elements can be found in the Narthex. All communion elements are* ***non-alcoholic****.*

Receiving the Bread and Cup Dr. Stagg

Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction

*Recessional #464 (v. 5) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Postlude *Beautiful Garden of Prayer* Travis McFarlane

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing*:* Susan Klockow; Brenda & Amy Mosby; Donaleigh Richardson; Jill Anderson; Jane Ann Hackett; Gary Tatlow

A longer prayer list of ongoing requests is on the yellow sheets in the narthex. Requests for prayer may be submitted via the yellow cards in the narthex, e-mailed or called into the church office.

The Chancel Flowers for this morning are given by **Mary Gordon Rogers** in honor of **Genie Rogers**.

Our Mission: ***To know God and follow Jesus Christ***

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Carla Tanzey
Welcome Station: Cliff & Meg Judy
Flower Ministry: Anne Crousore
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jacki Davidson
Early Service Helpers: Cherry Hinderberger & Mary Daugherty
Elder: Eric Seaman
Offering Counters: Jean Juba and Jerry Miller



This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, November 8

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- JYF, 4pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- CYF, 5pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 10

No Tuesday Bible Study

- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, November 11

No Wednesday Bible Study

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Ladies' Book Club, 11:30am, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

Thursday, November 12

- Christmas Bazaar Setup, 3pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

Saturday, November 14

- 14th Annual Christmas Bazaar, 8am-2pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 15

- Worship with Rev. Sally Robinson, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- JYF, 4pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- CYF, 5pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 14

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, November 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Join us that morning to get started on your Christmas shopping early – there will be arts, crafts, and handmade gifts for sale!

Organ Concert & Rededication – November 21 & 22

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., the Associate Organist of the Riverside Church (NYC), will offer a concert on Saturday, November 21 at 3:30 p.m. A formal dedication will be held on Sunday, November 22 during worship at 10:30 a.m.

Decorate the Church – Sunday, November 22

Join us the Sunday before Thanksgiving for our annual church decorating! Come out and help get the church ready for Advent at 4:00 p.m. on November 22.

One Service! Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, November 29

There will only be ONE service on Sunday, November 29 for our annual Hanging of the Greens service. Please join us for worship that morning at 9:30 a.m.!

WELCOME

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are with us. Please take a moment to visit our website, firstchristian.org to find out more about the ministry and mission of First Christian Church. Feel free to say hello to a host at the *Welcome Station* in the Narthex following worship and receive a folder of church-related information.

During Worship: Afghans, large print hymnals and children's bulletins with crayons are available from a greeter or are found on the shelf in the narthex. Hearing devices are available in the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Please talk to the AV Team if you need assistance.

Children: A nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten-aged children. Our nursery is staffed by Mother's Day Out teachers from 8:15am until pickup following the service.

Children's Worship: Following the Children's Moment in 10:30 worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to go with leaders to the 3rd floor of the Education Bldg. for their own worship time followed by constructive craft, reading and play time. Parents need to pick up children from the 3rd floor following worship.

Christian Education: Christian Education for all ages is held during the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings from Labor Day—early May. Children (grades K-5) and youth (grades 6-12) meet on the third floor of the Education Building. Adults meet in the Cinema on the third floor of the Education Building.

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