



January 7, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, January 7, 2024

## Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

*In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. Please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray during communion.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Carol Roberts, Elder

*If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit [fccbutler.org](http://fccbutler.org) and click the Register Attendance button.*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

## Prelude

Mary Coffman, Accompanist

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

## \*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Carol Roberts & Congregation

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**P: everything old has passed away;  
see, everything has become new!**

L: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,

**P: not counting their sins against them,  
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

L: We are ambassadors for Christ,  
because God's appeal to the world is made through us.

**P: Let us be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.**

## \*Opening Hymn

CH #172 (All)

"We Three Kings"

## \*Invocation

Carol Roberts & Congregation

**We come into Christ's presence, O God, as we are—with both strengths and weaknesses, at the same time righteous and sinners. We come as we are, but we come expecting that being in his presence will transform us, so we will be reconciled to you and no longer under sin's power. Listen to us now as we pray, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, teach us your words of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Please rise as able

## Prayer Hymn

CH #173 (All)

"As With Gladness"

## Silent Meditation

## Pastoral Prayer - "The Lord's Prayer"

Sharla Hulsey

**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.**

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

## Responsive Reading

Carol Roberts & Congregation

Psalm 62:5-8, 11-12 (*United Methodist Hymnal*)

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**P: for my hope is from God,  
who alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

L: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**P: Trust in God at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before God, who is a refuge for us.**

L: Once God has spoken,  
twice have I heard this:  
power belongs to God;

**P: and to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love,  
for you repay all according to their work.**

## Special Music

Adult Choir

"Come to the Table of Grace"

## Scripture

Carol Hedrick

*Mark 1:16-20; 2:13-17*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

"Follow Me"

## Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

## \*Invitation Hymn

CH #346 (All)

"Where He Leads Me"

Musical Interlude Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings Diaconate

*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

\*Doxology CH #47

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication Carol Roberts

Call to Communion Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn CH #431 (All)

“Go My Children, With My Blessing”

Words of Institution Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer Carol Roberts

Distribution of the Elements Diaconate

*Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Benediction Sharla Hulsey

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

\*Closing Hymn CH #344 (1,4)

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

\* Please rise as able

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Elder:** Carol Roberts

**Deacons:** Carol Hedrick,  
Lyssa Lile

**Greeter:** Carol Hedrick

**Scripture Reader:** Carol Hedrick

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• **OUTREACH MISSION**

This January, we will be supporting the Community Food Pantry. The donation focus is paper products, like Kleenex, paper towels, diapers, and toilet paper. Bring donations to the church throughout this month. Thank you!

• **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**

The Stewardship Committee started a “Ketch-up” campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund. The goal is \$20,000. Please note on your donation that it is for the “Ketch-Up” campaign.

• **COMMUNITY CAFÉ**—Tuesday, January 16 @ 5:30 p.m.

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**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Jan. 7:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, Jan. 10:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Jan. 12:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Jan. 14:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Jan 16:	5:30 p.m.	<b>Community Café</b>
Wednesday, Jan. 17:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Jan. 19:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies