



September 8, 2024 9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Joys and Concerns

Shawn Quick, Elder

In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.

Welcome and Announcements

Shawn Quick

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 and click the Register Attendance button.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Mary Coffman

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Shawn Quick & Congregation

L: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;

P: Let us make known God's deeds among the peoples.

L: Sing to the Holy One, sing praises to our God;

P: We love to tell the story of God's wonderful works.

L: Glory in God's holy Name;

P: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

*Opening Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #226 (all)

"He Lives!"

*Invocation

Shawn Quick & Congregation

**O Lord, our God, around us are the symbols of our faith,
symbols of Christ, of your presence, of your love.**

May they tell the old, old story to us as we worship.

**And may we, having heard the old, old story once again,
lay aside all that stands between us and your Good News,
so we may be sent out to tell the story of Jesus throughout our
world.**

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

CH #586 (all)

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Shawn Quick

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

Shawn Quick & Congregation

Psalm 46 (NRSV)

L: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**P: Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

L: "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."

**P: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Special Presentation

Members of FCC Mount Vernon

Invitation to Discipleship

Shawn Quick

*Invitation Hymn

CH #340 (all)

"Softly and Tenderly"

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 Shawn Quick
Call to Communion Shawn Quick
Communion Hymn CH #197 (all)
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
Words of Institution Shawn Quick
Communion Prayer
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 Shawn Quick
Taking the Light of Christ into the World
*Closing Hymn CH #562 (Refrain)
“Because He Lives”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - For September, we will be continue supporting the Community Food Pantry with school lunch donations, such as peanut butter and jelly, snack crackers, fruit cups, and juice boxes. Bring donations to the church. 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. Currently we have raised \$4,945. Please note on your donation that it is for the “Ketch-Up” campaign.
- **ELDERS MEETING** - Today after worship
- **BOARD MEETING** - Sunday, September 15 after worship
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** - Tuesday, September 17 @ 5:30 p.m.
- **FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK**– Join us for a Potluck! Come and enjoy great food and great company! Sunday, September 22 after Worship (approx. 10:45 a.m.) in the FCC Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 8:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Life Group Elders Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 11:	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Youth Group Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 13:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 15:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 17:	5:30 p.m.	Community Café
Wednesday, Sept. 18:	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Youth Group Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 20:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies
Saturday, Sept. 21:	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Crist Wedding

* Please rise as able

SERVING TODAY

At the Pulpit: Shawn Quick	Greeter: Bob Thomas
Elder: Shawn Quick	Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick
Deacons: Steve Hedrick, Bob Thomas	Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn Accompanist: Mary Coffman