



November 23, 2025

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

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

Chuck Lewis, 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.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Mary Coffman

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to Worship (please rise as able)

Chuck Lewis &

Congregation

L: Grace and peace to you from him who is, was, and is to come.

P: Blessed be the Name of Jesus Christ, ruler of all nations.

L: O Ruler of all the nations, Monarch for whom the people long,
you are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity:

P: Come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

*Opening Hymn

CH # 91 (1,4,5)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Invocation

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

Jesus Christ, divine Word, before you we bow and confess you are Lord of all. Speak to us now, as we seek to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Show us the beauty of life; unite our will with God's will; remove our guilt; conquer the fear of death we still harbor in our hearts. Speak and let us hear, O Lord, for the sake of your powerful Name. Amen.

O Antiphons Reading

Jennifer Schmehl

"O King of All the Nations"

Prayer Hymn

CH # 97 (All)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

**Please rise as able*

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

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

Psalms 24:7-10 (*Chalice Hymnal*)

L: Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

P: that the King of glory may come in.

L: Who is the King of glory?

P: The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.

L: Lift up your heads, O gates!

P: and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

L: Who is this King of glory?

P: The LORD of hosts: he is the King of glory.

Special Music

"Let Us Give Thanks!"

Adult Choir

Sharla Hulsey, flute

Scripture

Philippians 2:5-11

Carol Hedrick

Message

"Standing on Our Heads"

Sharla Hulsey

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

CH #349 (All)

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings

Diaconate

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

**Please rise as able*

*Doxology

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

Call to Communion

Communion Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

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

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Closing Hymn

"He Is Lord"

CH #47

Chuck Lewis

Sharla Hulsey

CH #699 (All)

Sharla Hulsey

Chuck Lewis

Diaconate

Sharla Hulsey

CH #117 (twice)

**Please rise as able*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Greeter: Carol Hedrick

Elder: Chuck Lewis

Scripture Reader: Carol Hedrick

Deacons: Carol Hedrick,

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Gary Coffman

Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- OUTREACH MISSION - Our Outreach Mission for December will be bagged meals, to be donated to The Carpenters Cup. You can either assemble a meal which are printed on the sheets in the foyer, bring ingredients for a meal & we will assemble them, or donate money towards the purchase of the ingredients. (Each bag cost about \$10.00 to assemble.) **Thank You so very much for all the donations & contributions you have made in 2025 to the Outreach Department, so we can carry out God's Mission in Butler, Mo.**

- COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE - *Today at 5 p.m.* at the Community of Christ Church. Free will offering will be collected.

- OFFICE CLOSED/THANKSGIVING DAY - *Thursday, November 27*

DISCIPLES WOMEN will be sponsoring a church-wide Christmas card exchange again this year. There will be a collection box placed in the foyer between November 30th and December 21st. A directory list will also be available. Feel free to participate, but do not feel obligated. This is a fun activity for those who wish to share Christmas greetings.

- DISCIPLES WOMEN - *Tuesday, December 2 at 6 p.m.*

MEMBERSHIP DEPT – Join us Sunday, December 7 after worship for soup, sandwiches,& dessert
Everyone is welcomed!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 23:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30a.m.	Life Group
	5 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service at Community of Christ Church

Wednesday, Nov. 26: 6 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov 28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 30:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Dec. 2:	6 p.m.	Disciples Women

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING



SUPPORTING
HIGHER EDUCATION

Bringing Students and Resources Together

Thanksgiving Offering

For over **130 years**, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has made a commitment to nurturing and supporting higher education through the general ministry of HELM (Higher Education & Leadership Ministries), formerly the Division of Higher Education. Through relationships with the **15 Colleges/Universities and 7 Seminaries/Divinity Houses** connected to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), HELM is able to continue its mission of developing and nurturing Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and world.

Every November the Church dedicates its General Offering to support these institutions. The collection goes straight to the institutions and enables them to offer scholarships, expand programs, and offer assistance through faith-based services. Support through this annual offering is a critical part of our ongoing collaborative work between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and higher education.

Please consider a generous donation as we come together to help make a difference in the lives of thousands of students, giving them a strong foundation to build upon as they prepare to go out and do great things in the world.

Thank You!



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