

Spring Training

helping the Easter Joy

blossom and take root



four week sermon series April 14 - May 5 with Dr. James R. Brooks, Senior Minister
Worship @ 10am Sunday • fcchagerstown.org • 301.733.0144

First Christian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2024

The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Dr. Thomas Haywood and Josie Gaskey, who were married yesterday, Saturday, April 27, 2024. Best wishes Dr. Thomas and Josie Haywood!

Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a visitor with us today, welcome! Please leave your contact information so that we can extend a fuller welcome!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. James R. Brooks

CAMP MOMENT

Mr. Barry E. McNew and Mr. Gary W. Watson

ORANGE CONFERENCE MOMENT

Mrs. Emily J. Schuit

PRELUDE

Christians We Have Met for Worship

Mr. Matthew D. Albright

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CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Psalm 36:5 - 10

Dr. Brooks

Leader: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

All: your steadfast love finds us.

Leader: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

All: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

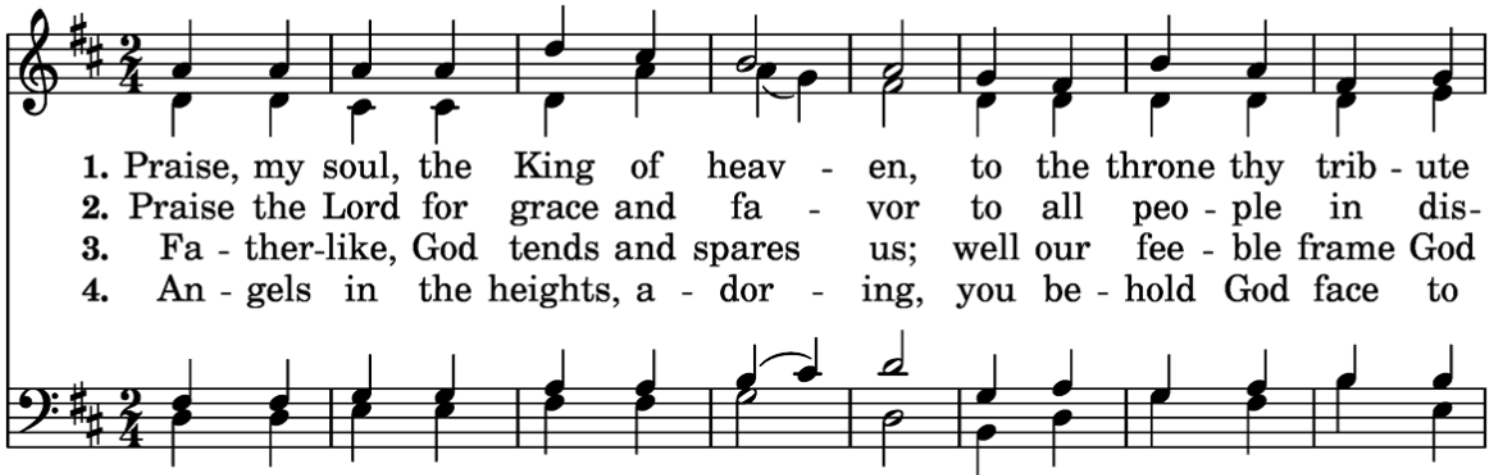
Leader: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

All: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

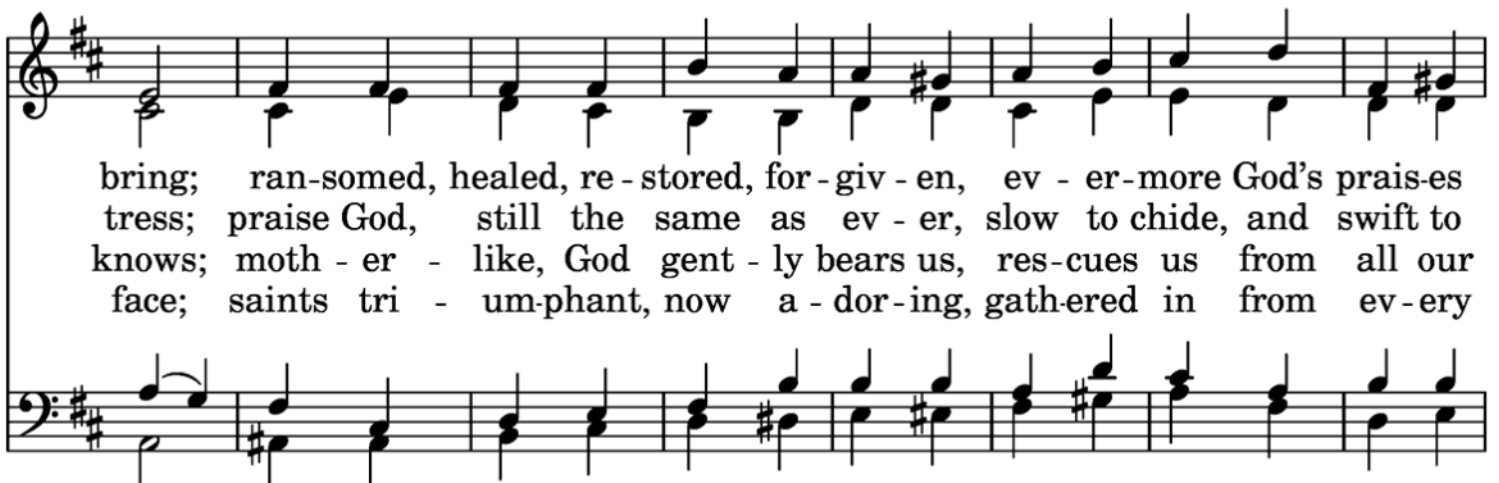
All: Thanks be to God!

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

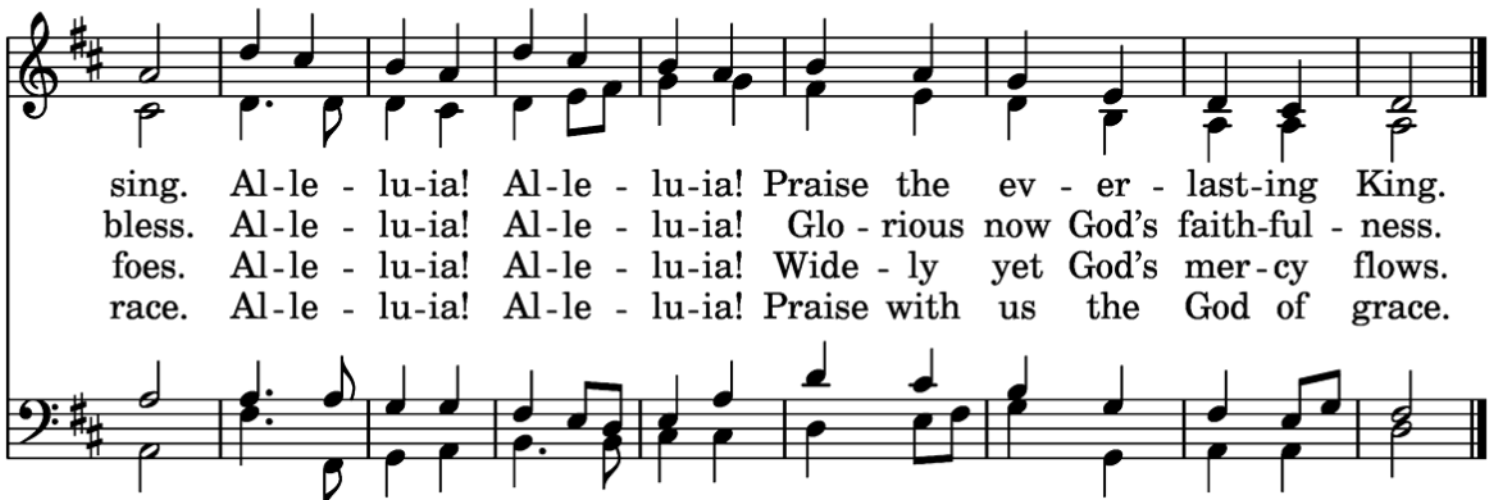
Thomas Neisser



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy trib - ute
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple in dis -
 3. Fa - ther-like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame God
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God face to



bring; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er-more God's prais-es
 tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to
 knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our
 face; saints tri - um-phant, now a - dor-ing, gathered in from ev - ery



sing. Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Praise the ev - er - last-ing King.
 bless. Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Glo - rious now God's faith-ful - ness.
 foes. Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer-cy flows.
 race. Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven; United Methodist Hymnal; #66; Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103);
 Music (LAUDA ANIMA 87.87.87): John Goss, 1869

*INVOCATION PRAYER (Unison)

Elder David Styer

God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray by saying:

(The Lord's Prayer)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Mr. Albright

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men.

Glory Be to the Father; United Methodist Hymnal; #71; Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd - 4th cent.
Music (GREATOREX, Irr.): Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

These Treasured Children

Mr. Albright

(young disciples up to Grade 4 are invited to come forward to the steps of the Chancel for a Blessing)
As our young disciples come forward, please join us in singing...

1 These trea-sured chil-dren pres-ent now are bound to us by sa-cred vow: with
love, we make a heart-felt claim to wel-come them in Je - sus' name.

These Treasured Children: Glory to God; #487; Verse 1; Words: Jacque B. Jones, 2009, Copyright © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc.;
Music (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, LM): Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mrs. Alicia N. Catherman

As our young disciples return to their seats or go to Kid's Church, please join us in singing...

These Treasured Children

Mr. Albright

5 Then, ten-der God, each child em-brace; God give them bless-ings, grant them
grace. Surprise them, God, with wonders still, and gent-ly guide them to your will.

The musical notation consists of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and suitable for children's voices.

These Treasured Children: Glory to God; #487; Verse 5; Words: Jacque B. Jones, 2009, Copyright © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc.; Music (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, LM): Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Brooks

PRAYER RESPONSE

We Give Thee by Thine Own

Mr. Albright

2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive, and
glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

The musical notation consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and suitable for a prayer response.

We Give Thee but Thine Own; Glory to God; #708; Verse 2; Words: William Walsham How, c. 1858; Music (SCHUMANN, SM): Mason and Webb's Cantica Laudis, 1850

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Dr. Brooks

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Dr. Brooks

God calls us to the table to find a new way: a new grace, a new hope, a new faith, a new life. Come to the table and let go of the worn out: worn out habits, worn out pains, worn out angers, worn out burdens. Come to the table and receive blessing, freedom, mercy, love.

1. Sav - ior, thy dy - ing love thou gav - est me,
 2. Give me a faith - ful heart, guid - ed by thee,
 3. All that I am and have, thy gifts so free,

nor should I aught with - hold, dear Lord, from thee;
 that each de - part - ing day hence - forth may see
 ev - er in joy or grief, my Lord, for thee;

in love my soul would bow, my heart ful - fill its vow,
 some work of love be - gun, some deed of kind - ness done,
 and when thy face I see, my ran - somed soul shall be,

some of - fering bring thee now, some - thing for thee.
 some wan - derer sought and won, some - thing for thee.
 through all e - ter - ni - ty, of - fered to thee.

PRAYER FOR THE ELEMENTS

Elder Styer

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Deacons

COMMUNION MUSIC

Festival Prelude on "Old 113th"

Mr. Albright

Gilbert M. Martin; from the Strassburger Kirchenamt, 1525

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Dr. Brooks

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

Individually packaged communion elements are provided for your safety and convenience. To open, gently bend the tab down to separate the clear film and peel it back to expose the wafer. Carefully pull the remaining foil tab to open the juice cup. You may partake of the elements at the same time as the minister.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Chancel Choir

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SCRIPTURE

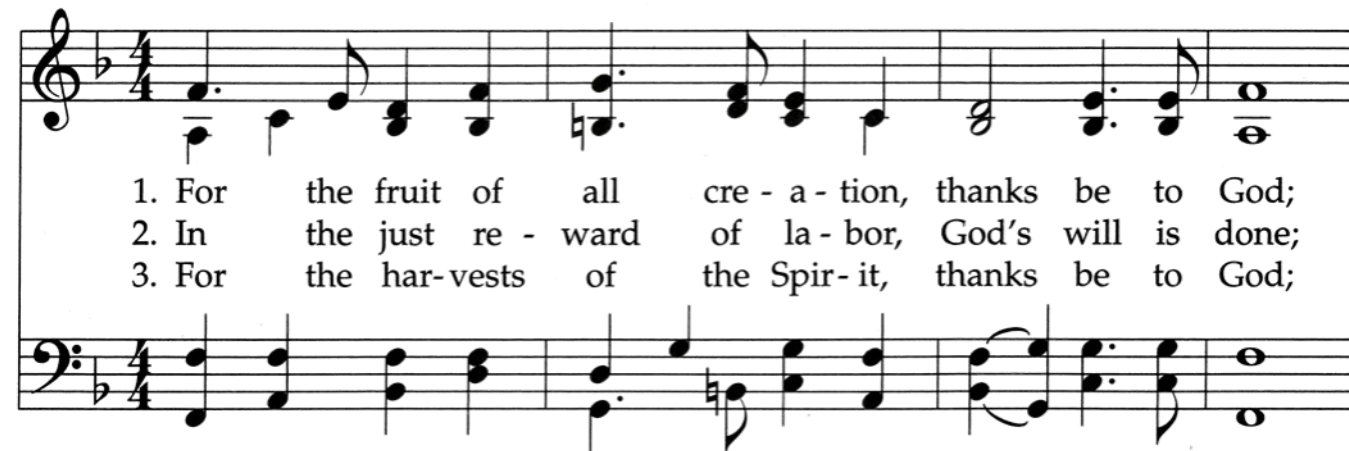
2 Corinthians 9:6 - 8

Elder Styer

SERMON

"Being a Cheerful Giver"

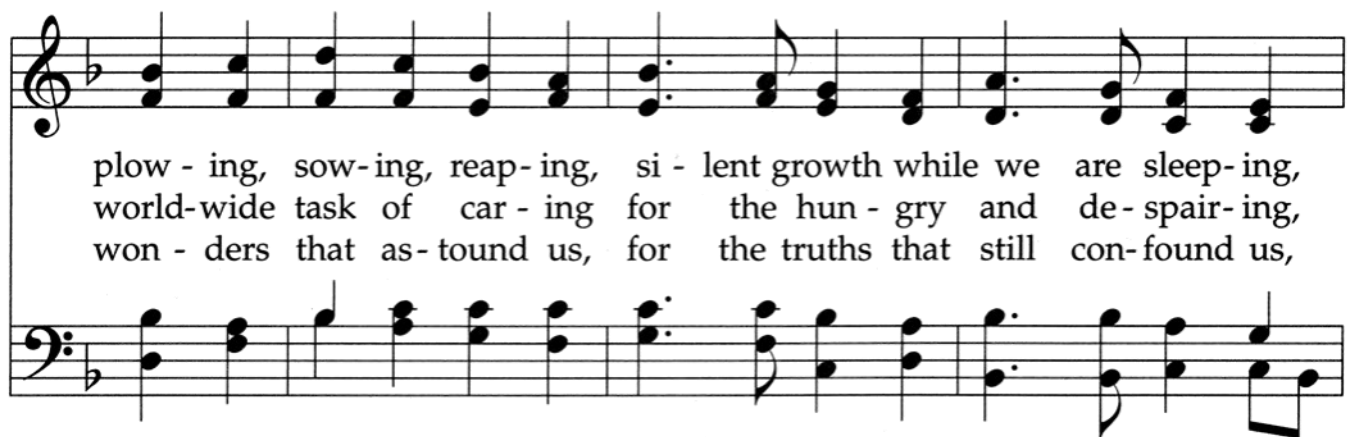
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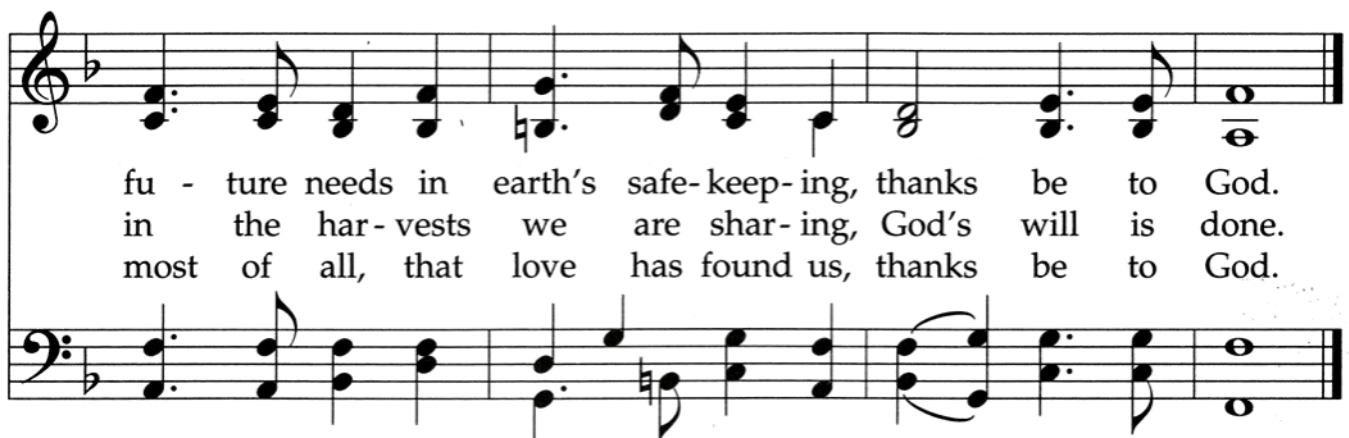
1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir- it, thanks be to God;



for good gifts to ev - ery na-tion, thanks be to God; for the
 in the help we give our neigh- bor, God's will is done; in our
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God; for the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Elder Styer

Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning—letting go of our possessions, our time, and even ourselves—to extend the gospel witness into the world. Be generous in your ministry of giving. You need not fear; you abide in the vine. As you go forth from this place today, you are invited to make your offering in the black donation boxes provided in the Narthex and Upper Tower Room.

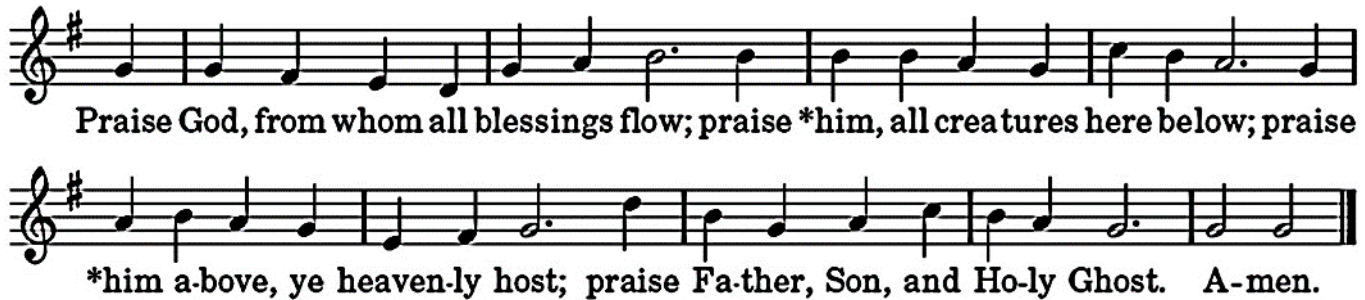
BENEDICTION

Dr. Brooks

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Mr. Albright



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here below; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow; Glory to God 606; Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
Music: (OLD HUNDREDTH, LM): Genevan Psalter, 1551

TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Thomas Neisser

**POSTLUDE

Allegro from Organ Concerto No. 13

Mr. Albright

George F. Handel; arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz;
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*Please rise whether in body or spirit.

**Please remain seated until the Minister processes out of the Sanctuary, thank you.

Kindly remember to take your empty communion cups with you and deposit them in the trashcan provided as you leave the Sanctuary.



AC&T CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED.
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE!

WWE Spring Potluck Dinner

Join us for good food and good company!

May 8th | 5:45 PM

Fellowship Hall FCC Hagerstown

Follow the link or scan the QR code below to sign up to bring a dish.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAAA92CA4F8C16-49282372-wwspring#/>

PLEASE RSVP VIA THE WEEKLY WWE EMAIL OR
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (301)-733-0144



See Where We've Been...
Look Where We're Going...

Congregational Lunch and Meeting

Join us for Lunch,
Fellowship,
and Church Business

Sunday
May 19th

We will be voting on our
2024 - 2025 Nominations
and other Church Business

RSVP TODAY!

Join Us!
Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
RSVP to diannaplotner@fchagerstown.org

Please take time to sign-in on the **RED Hospitality Notebook** each week as it's important to help us stay in touch with each other.

If you are accustomed to giving to the Church using cash, please help us maintain that record by placing money and checks in the envelopes provided in the pews and please write your name on the envelope.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 21, 2024

**In-Person - 175; FaceBook - 205;
YouTube - 45 = 425 Total**

Children birth through 5th Grade: 10

Last Year on Sunday, April 23, 2023

**In-Person - 186; FaceBook - 221;
YouTube - 52 = 459 Total**

CHURCH FINANCIAL - 2024

Operating Budget: **\$685,619.23**

Contributions Received thru February 29th:
\$101,402.57

Just a friendly reminder...We have **Electronic Giving**... Please fill out an ACH form which is located on the Bulletin Board outside the Church Office. Once you have completed the form, please give the form and Voided Check to Dianna in the Church Office. For more information, please contact her at 301.733.0144.

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**NOW ENROLLING
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

NORTHERN CROSS PRESCHOOL

Why Choose Us:

- Safe, nurturing environment
- Educated and experienced staff
- Opportunities for your child to learn and grow cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally that will prepare your child for Pre-K & beyond!
- Continuous communication
- Snack provided

- * **Ages 3 and 4**
- * **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays**
- * **9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**
- * **Lunch Bunch Option Add-On until 1:00 PM Mondays and Tuesdays**

For more information, contact Alicia Catherman
301.733.0144 (office)
301.788.0036 (cell)

First Christian Church
1345 Potomac Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21742

ANNUAL YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER TREAT MOM TO DINNER

**Saturday
May 11th**

Tickets go on sale April 7th.
Call the Church Office for more information, or tickets
301.733.0144

Adult Tickets (11 & older) - \$15.00
Children Tickets (2-10) - \$10.00
Birth to 1 year old - Free
Desserts available by donation!

4:00 - 7:30 PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1345 POTOMAC AVE, HAGERSTOWN, MD

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 2024

Tickets on Sale - Lower Tower Room
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

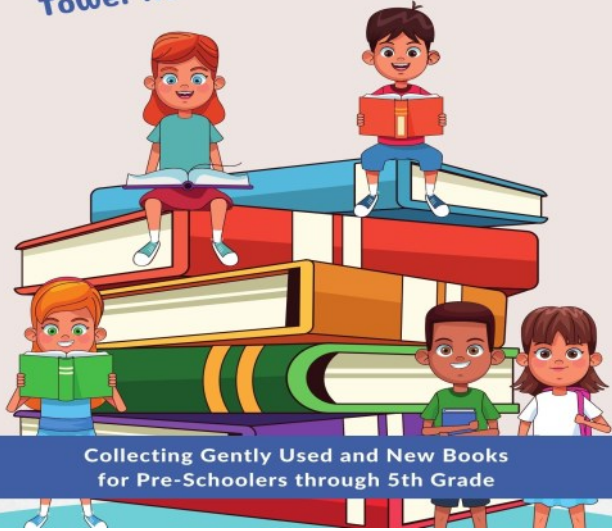
DISCIPLES IN ACTION
SCHOOL SUPPORT

BOOK DRIVE 2024

Help Children in our Community to continue to read over the Summer!

Drop off your
donations in
the Lower
Tower Room

march 31st -
may 5th



Collecting Gently Used and New Books
for Pre-Schoolers through 5th Grade

Join us for the next Book Club meeting!

We meet on the second Monday of each month at **Hoffman's All American Grill** to share fellowship and thoughts about our book. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, May 13th at 12:30 PM.**

The book we will be discussing is **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot**, by Marianne Cronin.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Judy Kofot and she will send you a reminder email prior to the meeting. In the meantime, read **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot** and plan to join us!

The Seniors In Ministry will be having a Brownbag Lunch and Games on **Wednesday, May 29th from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM** in Room 108.

Come and see friends, meet new friends, have lunch, and play games.

All are invited to join them!

Guest Wi-Fi Password - Disciples4me

Join us for our Welcome Wednesday Excitement Programs this Wednesday, May 1st.

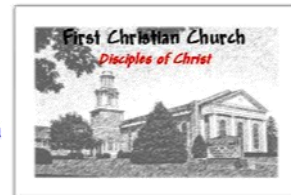
Programs for the entire family!

- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Children/Youth Choir
- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Children/Youth Chimes
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM - WWE Dinner for All (RSVP is requested by Sunday at 1:00 PM)
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Adult Bible Program
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Children's Bible Program
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Youth Group
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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Slate of Officers July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Recommended to the Leadership Board
By the Nominating Committee* First Christian Church Hagerstown, MD
April 8, 2024

Leadership Board

Moderator (2-Year Term) - Larry Black
Vice Moderator (1-Year Term) - Mary Elkind
Secretary (1-Year Term) - Debbie Hoffman
Treasurer (2-Year Term) - Gil Crumrine
Member At Large (1-Year Term) - Carol Rogers

Additional Elected Positions

Nominating Committee (2-Year Term) - Bonnie Fouke

Personnel Committee (3-Year Term) - Susan Latimer

Trustee (5-Year Term) - Melisa Cline
Trustee (5-Year Term) - Don Risser

Elder (2-Year Term) - Erica Aranha
Elder (2-Year Term) - Susan Gerberich
Elder (2-Year Term) - Christopher Goddard
Elder (2-Year Term) - Dr. Thomas Haywood
Elder (2-Year Term) - Jay Koch
Elder (2-Year Term) - Judy Kofot
Elder (2-Year Term) - Lara Shepherd
Elder (2-Year Term) - Tim Shepherd

*Nominating Committee Members:
Mary Elkind (Chair)
Mark Goller and Debbie Hoffman
Rev. Dr. James R. Brooks and Dianna Plotner



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The above list of Nominations were presented and approved by the Leadership Board on Monday, April 8th.

The Congregation will vote on Sunday, May 19th.

Micah's Backpack Team

For April, we are in need of individual Microwavable Popcorn Bags and Microwavable Mac and Cheese Cups.

Food donations may be placed in our cart in the Lower Tower Room or purchased through our Amazon Wish List.

The Amazon Wish List link is located in the FCC Weekly Eblast. Instructions are also posted on our cart in the Lower Tower Room.

We welcome all who would like to participate in this Ministry. If interested, please contact Rebecca Yeakle at FCCMicahsBackpack@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

FCC's Diaper Ministry

FCC's Diaper Ministry is hard at work!

In March, we provided **82** families with a portion of the diapers they need each month.

We want to continue to help our local children and are currently in the middle of our fund drive.

If you haven't picked up a baby bottle yet, there is still time!! Fill it with spare change, a few bills, or a check and drop it off in the diaper bag in the Upper Tower Room by the display. We're half way to our goal of \$3000.00!!

Help us go over the top to cover their bottoms!!

Zion Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen at Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, located at 201 North Potomac Street, provides dinner every Tuesday night for anyone who needs a hot meal.

Our Team cooks and serves the meal every 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month. The next serving date is **Tuesday, April 30th**.

If you would like to volunteer to cook and serve (4:00 PM to 6:30 PM) or if you're interested in donating supplies, please contact Lori Schmidt, 717.701.3407.

Little Pantry

Thank you to all for your support and contributions.

Some kind folks have been putting fresh produce into the Little Pantry, this is a welcomed addition, as long as it is not too hot nor too cold outside.

As usual, non-perishable items are always welcome.

Please consider a financial contribution: make checks payable to First Christian Church and put "Little Pantry" in the memo line and we will do the shopping.

For more information, please contact Dale Philp 301.730.4232

Church Women United

May Friendship Day

Friday, May 17th at 6:00 PM

Manor Church of the Brethren, located at 18511 Manor Church Road, Boonsboro.

Dinner Cost - \$15.00

Reservations are due by Thursday, May 9th by contacting Tammy Coyle - tammy.coyle93@gmail.com or 240.409.2410

Program begins at 6:45 PM

Speaker: Marty Blake, Coordinator of Health Kits distributed to Homeless Students in Washington county. Also, the Young Christian Women Awards will be presented.

When you walk into the Church and are greeted at the door with a smile and "good morning," we hope that it makes your day better!

Tim Shepherd is recruiting **Greeters** for Sunday Mornings to greet folks with a smile and a welcoming "hello." Also, to greet visitors and welcome them to FCC and direct them where to go.

If you are interested, please contact Tim at 301.739.8835.

SIGN-UP TODAY!

Hagerstown

Area Church Softball League

Practices and Games are in the evenings

AREA CHURCHES

"Sow the Field, Prepare for Harvest, and Claim their Team for Christ." We feel that each team is a mini-ministry and extension of the churches for which they represent.

check out their website
<http://www.hagerstownareachurchsoftball.com/>
 or see Tyler Jones

Washington County Consort

presents

Byrd and the B's

Saturday, May 11th at 3:00 PM
 St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Located at 141 South Potomac Street
 (parking available behind the Church)

Music from Composer, William Byrd
 (ca. 1540 - 1623) to 20th Century
 Bill Bailey (Won't You Please Come Home)

Members include: Kathy Barr, Shelly Harr,
 Russell Johnson, David Styer, and Naomi Styer

www.facebook.com/washingtoncountyconsort



EMPTY NESTERS

Are you looking for some fun events and fellowship? Then this is the group for you.
 Not an Empty Nester? No problem at all!

All are welcome.

Some highlights of upcoming events include:

Bus Trips

- New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles
- Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC
- The story of Daniel, Sight & Sound
- Sunfest, Ocean City MD, a day on your own
- New York City, a day on your own

Local / Ride Share Events

- 2nd Sundays at Big Cork - live music/activities
- Staten Island Ferry/Hawks at Hagerstown Flying Boxcars
- Canal Boat Tour and Lunch, Georgetown
- Historic Harper's Ferry and lunch
- Winter City Lights, Olney, MD
- Historic Houses of Worship Tour

If you would like more information about upcoming events or have some event ideas to share, please contact Rebecca Yeakle at FCCEmptyNesters@gmail.com.

Register for VBS by Tuesday, April 30th you will be registered into a Raffle for a Campfire Basket!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23RD-27TH
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 1345 POTOMAC AVENUE

CAMP FIRELIGHT

A Summer Camp Adventure with God

Campers 3 Years to those entering 5th Grade

Register Now: <https://www.myvbs.org/fcchagerstown/>

Save the Date!

Community Celebration 2024

GET READY FOR OUR FUN GATHERING

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

- Bingo!
- Bounce House
- Games
- Food
- Music
- Raffle and Fellowship
- and Fellowship
- more details to follow....

Saturday, August 17th
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Congratulations

CLASS OF

2024



Are you graduating this Spring?
We want to celebrate YOU!

Please provide us your name, activities you participated in (sports, choir, etc.), any special honors/certificates you're graduating with, plans after High School / College, and what you thank God for, by Friday, May 31st at Noon - diannaplotner@fcchagerstown.org

Our Goal Is In Sight!! We have collected \$2,492.08 / 83% as of Tuesday, April 23rd. FCC's Diaper Ministry Drive is almost over and we are so close to our goal of \$3,000.00. We are only \$507.92 away from our Goal!

You can help us reach that goal by contributing today!

And did you know that the Richmond Lee Downey Foundation has generously agreed to match our donated funds? So, your dollar will be doubled!

Pick-up a bottle on your way into Church on Sunday and fill it with some change or a few bills - even a little bit will help!

Congregational Care Ministry Team

We are looking for a Chair Person or 2 Co-Chairs!

Would you like to help plan activities for our Congregation?

Would you like to help care for our Congregation?

The Mission of the Congregational Care Ministry Team is to serve Christ by helping and supporting our Congregation.

We currently have 13 Team Members and over 11 Sub-Committees.

If you are interested in the Chair or Co-Chair position, please contact Dianna in the Church Office, 301.733.0144 or diannaplotner@fcchagerstown.org



How many Baby Bottles can We FILL?

Our 2024 Goal is \$3,000.00!

Help us keep covering the bottoms of children in our community!

We help cover the bottoms of over 120 children in Washington County!

Grab a Baby Bottle, fill it with coins from the couch, from the car floor, etc., or bring a box or two of diapers or pull-ups and place them in the Pack-N-Play in the Upper Tower Room

Sunday, March 17th through Sunday, April 28th





Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers on a Sunday Morning in Memory or In Honor of someone, please either sign-up on the Flower Calendar located on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office, or contact Dianna in the Church Office, 301.733.0144.

The cost of the arrangements are: \$70.00 for Altar Pieces and \$60.00 for Pulpit or Lectern Pieces. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church, memo line: Flowers.

The Over the Hill Gang will be meeting on **Friday, May 17th** from **11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** at the Western Sizzlin' located at 17567 York Road.

Come and see friends, meet new friends, and have lunch.

All are invited to join them!

12th Annual HARC Hike - Hunger & Hope Main Hike - Saturday, June 8th Challenge Hike - Saturday, May 18th

4K (2.5 miles); 10K (6.3 miles); Half Marathon (13 miles)

Sign-Up Today!
<https://harccoalition.org/hike/>

All proceeds benefit Micah's Backpack Program!

RESTORE AND REWIND
 2024 PENTECOST OFFERING
 SUNDAYS MAY 12 & MAY 19

ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON; THEY WOULD SELL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS AND DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED. + ACTS 2:44-45



THE 2024 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST).

RESTORE AND REWIND



When it comes to church, we have a lot of negative tapes playing in our heads:

"Church is judgmental."
 "Church is hypocritical."
 "They think they're better than everyone else."

It's time for restoration. Time to rewind the tape.

New Church Ministry is dedicated to fostering faithful communities marked by deep Christian spirituality and a passion for God's love and justice.

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, God is singing a new song: not a song of judgment, but of welcome and forgiveness; not a song of superiority, but of humility and grace; not a song of hoarding, but of sharing everything we have!

God's movement for wholeness is already underway. Our job is to listen, and learn, and follow - supporting leaders and communities as the Spirit calls them into being, laying down a new song for a new generation.

Church as a place of generosity and justice. Church as a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Your gifts to the 2024 Pentecost Offering, received in most congregations on Sunday, May 12, and Sunday, May 19, are divided equally between your regional ministry, which supports local new churches, and New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, and assists emerging leaders to be "movement initiators."

Like our ancestors, we're going back to the beginning, when new Christian communities gathered together and shared all they had, organizing everything around the Spirit's dreams for their lives and their communities.



Find additional Pentecost Offering resources at pentecost-offering.com

Sunday,
 May 12th
 11:15 AM in the
 parlor



New members
 and Guests!

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - DURING WORSHIP

Childcare is available for Birth - Pre-School:
Room 02 with Ms. Melanie Fouche

Children who are in 3rd through 5th Grade will
have class in Room 202 with Ms. GeorgeAnn
and/or Ms. Vickie

Children who are in Pre-K (entering Kindergar-
ten in Fall 2021) through 2nd Grade will have
class in Room 102 with rotating teachers

Middle and High School Youth 6th - 12th Grade
will have class in Room 108
with Mr. Brock Bricker

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christian Heirs meet in Fellowship Hall
at 11:30 AM.

They will be studying Comparative Denomina-
tions, as they look at the beliefs and practices
of other Churches in our Community.

For more details, please contact
Rev. Fred Harris (Teacher for the Study), or
join them on Sunday morning.

All are welcomed!

The Samaritans meet in Fellowship Hall at
11:30 AM.

They will begin a study "Bible Stories for Grown
Ups," by Pastor Josh Scott.

For more details, please contact David Yohman
or Sue Gerberich, or join them on Sunday
morning. All are welcomed!

MUSIC PROGRAM REHEARSALS

Young Adult / Adults

Next Sunday Morning

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM -
Disciple Bells - Choir Room

Wednesday Evenings

Young Adult / Adults

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Brass Ensemble -
Music Room

Contact - Matthew Albright - 304.671.6975

Wednesday Evenings

Children / Youth

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Children's Choir
(from Pre-K - 8th Grade) - Sanctuary

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Children's Chimes
(2nd to 8th Grade) - Choir Room

Wednesday Evenings

Young Adult / Adults

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Calendar For the Week of Sunday, April 28th - Saturday, May 4th

Sunday

Worship Service	10:00 AM
Sunday School for Children and Youth - Room 202, Room 102, and Room 108	
Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Bell Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Monday

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly), Fellowship Hall	7:00 AM - 11:30 AM
FCC Community Celebration Planning Meeting, Room 108	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Search and Call Ministry Team Meeting, Dr. Brooks' Office	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Staff Meeting, Room 108	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday

Women's Ministry Prayer Partners, Parlor	9:30 AM
Boy Scout Troop #66, Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Girl Scout Troop #166 Meeting, Room 202	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Cub Scout Pack #66, Fellowship Hall and Various Rooms	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
FCC Clarinet Rehearsal, Sanctuary	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
FCC Clarinet and Flute Rehearsal, Sanctuary	7:30 PM - 8:00 PM
FCC Flute Rehearsal, Sanctuary	8:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday

Combined Children/Youth Choir, Music Room	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Combined Children/Youth Chimes, Music Room	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
WWE Family Dinner, Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
WWE Children's Program, Room 102	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
WWE Adult Bible Program, Library	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Youth Group, Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Brass Ensemble Rehearsal, Music Room	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Thursday

Meritus Health - Prevent T2 Class, Room 108	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Girl Scout Troop #40790, Room 202	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday

Saturday

Elder Retreat, 860 Pennsylvania Avenue	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
FCC Flute Rehearsal, Sanctuary	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
FCC Clarinet and Flute, Sanctuary	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
FCC Clarinet Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING

Our thanks to those who make our morning worship a special experience.

Greeters: Jay Koch, Susie Latimer, and Quay Scott

Elder: David Styer

Camera Tech: Diann Smith

Security: Bill Strine

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