First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
803 N. Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863

SUNDAY SERVICE
November 15, 2026

Sermon:
"Are You Preparing to Receive God's Blessing?"

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Worship: 9:30 AM

Watching Our Figures
10/25 – 43; 11/1 – 44; 11/8 - 51

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"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"

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We would like to say "Thank You" to all veterans for every sacrifice made on our behalf! God Bless America!



Veterans' Day	Nov. 11
Christian Action Cmte. Mtg. (1:00 PM)	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Offering	Nov. 15
World Outreach Cmte. Mtg. (5:30 PM Library)	Nov. 16
Worship Cmte. Mtg. (1:30 PM)	Nov. 16
Stewardship Cmte. Mtg. (5:00 PM)	Nov. 17
Church Board Mtg. (7:00 PM)	Nov. 18
Cookie Day (10:00 AM)	Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Offering	Nov. 22
Hanging of the Greens (10:30 AM)	Nov. 22
Thanksgiving Day & Friday (Office Closed)	**Nov. 26 & 27**
First Sunday of Advent	Nov. 29
Congregational Meeting (10:30 AM)	Dec. 6
Second Sunday of Advent	Dec. 6
Christmas Offering	Dec. 13
Third Sunday of Advent	Dec. 13
Take WADI toys to Fellowship Hall	Dec. 13
Set up Toys in Fellowship Hall	Dec. 14
WADI Toy Distribution	Dec. 15
Return toys to WADI toy room	Dec. 16
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dec. 20
Christmas Eve (Office Closed)	Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Service (6:00 PM)	Dec. 24
Christmas Day (Office Closed)	Dec. 25
New Year's Eve	Dec. 31
New Year's Day (Office Closed)	Jan. 1



Emily Ewald, Kyler West, Levi West, Bev Coker, Betty Foshee, Don Marx, Esther Calverley, Ben & Shari Ross, Georgia Dalrymple, Don Swift, Valerie Murbarger, Cathy Wietfeldt, Mike Brown, Melody Ramsey, Tony LaRue, Callie Mitchell, Linda Kimble, Tim Woodsmall, Laura Bisch, Nancy Wright, A. J. Stambaugh, Marcia Poland, Kelly McCarty, Brandy Rains, Peyton McDougal, Gary Bellessa, Tom Ostanik**,** David Jones, Sabrina McEntire Williams, Clint Anderson, **Jill Gerwin**, J.P. Ewald, Sarah West, Mary & Ken Burkitt, Pamela Case, Jim Edgington, Myriam Posso, Craig Leeper, Dawn Riley, Mark Tennes, Roger Jackman, Talon Rafferty, Howard Hoke, George Beckerman, Georgia Dalrymple, Brylin Yarbor, Melissa Felling, Rev. Dr. Fred White, **and our country**, leaders, service members, disaster victims, service workers, medical personnel, and Israel.

The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be removed or put back on. Please note that due to current privacy laws, you must have the permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer list.

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FCC would like to say a special "Thank You" to Jesse Hinderliter for replacing our little 8th Street tree in memory of Edna Sickbert. Unfortunately, the original did not survive last winter. Jesse not only donated the new tree, but he gracious planted and stabilized it for us. Thank you, Jesse. We appreciate all you do to beautify the church.



Please join us after morning worship on November 22 for the Hanging of the Greens. We need many volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary and building. If you can stay for even a short period of time, we would very much appreciate your help.

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Would you believe that it's already time to order poinsettias for the church sanctuary?? **This year the poinsettias are $12.00 each. The order must be submitted to the florist by Nov. 16.**

(The florist is offering Christmas cactuses - 4 inch ($10.00) or 6 inch ($24.00) if anyone is interested.) **These would NOT be put in the sanctuary. Please write it on the form if you would like to order a cactus.**



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*It's once again time to order poinsettias for the Sanctuary. The price this year is **$12.00.** The orders must be in the church office by **November 16th**, in order to be placed in the Sanctuary by Christmas. Please fill out the order and place it in the offering tray or leave in the church office. The poinsettias will be white or red in color. Please put the number you would like to order next to the color you would prefer.*

***Name of the donor*_____**

***In Memory Of*_____**

***In Honor Of*_____**

***Gift*_____**

Poinsettias should be taken home on Christmas Eve.

Please call or email your order in to the office if you are mailing a check so that we can get your flowers ordered in time.

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Checks may be made to the First Christian Church

(You may donate your flower to one of our homebound members if you wish. Please let the office know.)

Christmas is fast approaching ***so it's time to start thinking about our bicycle fund****. We will once again be purchasing bicycles to donate to WADI for the Operation Share Toy Give-Away. If you would like to donate toward this cause, we will be collecting money until December 9th, and the bikes will be purchased on December 11th. You may make your check out to First Christian Church and put "bikes" on the memo line. Thank you for making this bike purchase so successful each year!*



OPERATION SHARE TOY GIVE-AWAY



Once again, FCC will host the Operation Share Toys distribution in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are always needed to do the following:

- December 13th after church, move toys to the Fellowship Hall
- December 14th set up (grouping toys on tables by age and boys or girls)
- December 15th for toy distribution ('shoppers' needed to help parents choose toys)
- December 16th clean-up/return toys to upstairs WADI room

If you would like to help on any or all of these dates, even for a short period of time, WADI, which oversees the toy distribution each year, would deeply appreciate your help.

FCC is also collecting toys for the toy distribution. You may drop off toys at the church office until Monday, Dec. 14th, and we will get them into the right hands.

October 25, 2026

General Offering	$687.00
Fellowship Time	23.52
Memorial Fund	270.00
SICPC	100.00
WVC FRESH	20.00
TOTAL:	**$1,100.52**

November 1, 2026

General Offering	$1,292.00
Capital Improvement	300.00
Poinsettias	24.00
Membership Care	100.00
Visitor Postage	100.00
Website	100.00
TOTAL:	**$1,916.00**

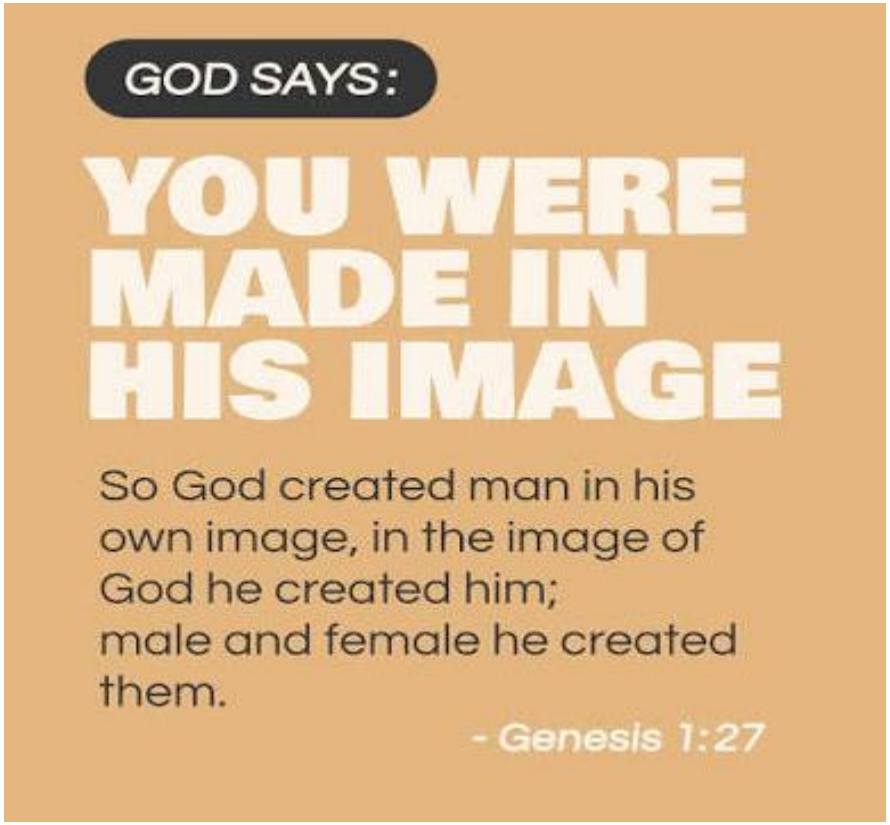
November 8, 2026

General Offering	$1,586.00
Brown Bag Buddies	50.00
Fellowship Time	51.00
Memorial Fund	50.00
Poinsettias	108.00
Senior Group	50.00
Thanksgiving Offering	100.00
Week of Compassion	15.00
TOTAL:	**$2,010.00**

Thank you for your faithful giving each week. We truly appreciate it as it enables us to carry on the work of the ministry here at FCC.

YOU ARE PRICELESS IN THE EYES OF THE LORD!

SERVING IN NOVMEBER 2026
Custodial Deacon: Kim More
Elder on Call: Janice Alka
Communion Preparers: Marilyn Hocking & Debbie Meyer
Sanctuary Straightener: Barb Minniear
Acolytes: Nicole & Madison Escobeo
Counters: Karissa Anderson & Paula Street



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I John 1:7

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Got a problem you can't solve??
Tell it to Jesus, the Lover of your soul!

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth and song?
When the burdens press and the cares distress
And the way grows weary and long?

Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares
His heart is touched with my grief
When the days are weary, the long night dreary
I know my Savior cares.

Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed
To resist some temptation strong?
When, for my deep grief, I find no relief
Though the tears flow all the night long?

Does Jesus care when I've said good-bye
To the dearest on earth to me?
And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks
Is it felt by Him? Does He see?

Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares
His heart is touched with my grief
When my days are weary, the long night is dreary
I know my Savior cares.

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