

# The Church Bell

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## Making Worship a Priority

*Dr. Jim Hill*

*Interim Senior Minister*

Summer is always a hectic time of the year with many activities. This year we are all excited about the opportunity to get out more after we have been isolated for so many months because of the pandemic. As more and more people get vaccinated, we can more safely resume normal activities. For many people summer is also a time for vacations and family get-togethers. These are wonderful times for fellowship, especially this year, and they provide an opportunity to find renewal and rest. We all need a break and a change of pace sometimes.

**SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021**

**ONE SERVICE 10:00AM**

*No Sunday School this week*

**The church office will be closed Monday, July 5**

**Masks are encouraged.**

**Please follow CDC guidelines if you are not fully vaccinated.**

*The service will be livestreamed to Facebook at [facebook.com/fccjcmo](https://facebook.com/fccjcmo)  
and posted to [firstchristianjcmo.org](https://firstchristianjcmo.org) for later viewing.*

Summer is also a time when many churches experience a drop in attendance. Some of this drop is just the result of members being out of town, but sometimes people take a break during the summer. While we all need a break sometimes, we do not need a break from God. Every day and in countless ways, God is at work shaping our lives that we might become the people he created us to be. The Christian life is a journey of faith. It is a journey with God. I hope when you are not away traveling, you will make it a point to join us for worship and Bible study on each Lord's Day. We need the support and encouragement of our church family. We need to share in regular worship. Maybe this summer would be a good time to invite a friend to join you for worship.

This Sunday we will continue our series as we explore another one of the *extraordinary stories of Jesus*. This week we will see how Jesus dealt with unexpected interruptions. All of us know what it is like to have something come up that we had not expected. The fifth chapter of Mark's gospel describes two people who were desperate to see Jesus. You may have had an experience when you felt desperate for God's help, too. Jesus never seemed to get stressed out by these interruptions. He always responded with compassion and grace. I hope you will join us Sunday as we explore their stories. *(continued)*

## Making Worship a Priority *(continued)*

I also want to encourage you to be in prayer for our congregation's leaders as they guide our ministry and serve the congregation during this time of transition. Pray for the staff members as they minister and sometimes carry extra responsibilities. I am working with the Search Committee as they prepare to lead the congregation through a self-study that is a part of the intentional interim ministry process. I believe this will be an engaging and helpful process as the church family takes a look at who we are and what God has in store for the future. I look forward to seeing you in worship on the Lord's Day.

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**Our Condolences** to Callie Thompson and family on the loss of her brother, Bobby Burnett.

**Our Condolences** to John Oehring and family on the loss of his mother, Mae Oehring, who passed away Monday, June 21. Services are pending.

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## Congratulations! Alexis

First Christian Church celebrated Alexis Engelbrecht-Villafane's commissioning Sunday, June 20, by presenting her with her commission certificate at both services.

Alexis is the congregation's new part-time Assistant Minister. Her role includes providing small group ministry opportunities for the congregation, pastoral care, being part of worship, and preaching. She received her certificate to recognize her standing in the Region as a commissioned minister of the gospel. Commissioning is often granted to a minister by the Mid-America Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to those who are in the ordination process and serving a congregation. A commissioning certificate is often presented to a minister by the Regional Minister, Dr. Paul Koch, but he was not able to be at the service Sunday. The commissioning ceremony was conducted by Rev. David Avery, an elder at First Christian, who also serves on one of the Region's Commissioned Ministry Teams. David is also chair of Alexis' Ordination Nurture Team.

Alexis recently graduated from Phillips Theological Seminary and is currently completing the ordination process with the Regional Commission on Ministry. First Christian is Alexis' "sponsoring congregation" in the ordination process.

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## Livestreaming in July

For the month of July, we will be livestreaming the 10:40AM service on Facebook. The one exception is July 4th when we will have one service at 10AM, both in the sanctuary and livestreamed. Videos of worship will continue to be posted to the church website on Monday if you are unable to access them on Sunday.

If you are interested in helping with sound or video during either worship service, we are looking for volunteers! Please contact Rev. Sarah for more information.

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Nellie Campbell, Richard Carroll, Doug Defreese, Nancy Dunwiddie, Marilyn Gross, John & Barbara Gulick, Norma Hasselman, Jeanette Hickman, Brooks Jarrett, Shirley Jarrett, Emily Lane, Vivian Murphy, Jackie Possinger, Kathy Speidel, Elaine West, Doris Yelton, Our Country

Individuals will be kept on our prayer list for **four weeks** at a time. At the end of four weeks, please give Kathy a call at 573.636.5157 or email her [Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org), if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

## Members in Care Centers

### BLUEGRASS TERRACE

Glenda Crow

### HEISINGER

Richard Carroll

Shirley Ferguson

Barbara Nikodyn

Norma Woodson

### JC MANOR

Jackie Possinger

### OAK TREE VILLA

Sue Cobble

Georgiale Dallas

Emily Lane

### PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Norma Hasselman

Wendell & Myra Hubbs

Jessie Schell

### ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

Doris Yelton

### SUMMIT VILLA

Marilyn Gross

Shirley Jarrett

### VILLA MARIE

Terry Fockler

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariam Craddock

### OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Betty Schramm

Betty Schulte

## June and July Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>			
23	1	Karen Shroyer	22	30
Austin King	Elizabeth Coffman	Don Lloyd	Chris Bell	Amy Schwartz
<i>Geoff &amp; Sondra Gonder</i>	Wendy Miles	Bob Priddy	Ron Jordan	Jose' Villafane
<i>Dustin &amp; Amy Kuebler</i>	3	<i>Bob &amp; Sherry Jordan</i>	Cindy Leveron	<i>John &amp; Fanci Bennett</i>
24	Abby Lloyd	16	Jon Schwartz	31
Alexis Gann	<i>Jeff &amp; Sally Moore</i>	17	Renaldo Frye	Jonathon Prouty
Callie Thompson	5	Cathy Crocker	Juliet Kroeger	
25	Jim Dunwiddie	Doris Yelton	John Ruth	
Lillian Mitchell	6	18	25	
Ken Osman	Tucker Gregory	Blair Johnson	Casey Gentry	
Lee Quinn	John Hequembourg	Marsha Posz	<i>Ken &amp; Karen Dykes</i>	
26	7	<i>Ken &amp; Ann Lane</i>	26	
Chris Lloyd	Amelia Bell	19	Kathy Cavender	
27	Tabbatha Howard	Drew Gonder	Gretchen Huedepohl	
Robin Grumm	Michael Lauf	Jeff Moore	C.J. Nolte	
Carol Jordan	Shelly Woodson	20	27	
Herb Kuhn	10	Andrew Highland	Corey Dawson	
28	Marilyn Langley	Hannah Huedepohl	Christie Oliver	
Doug Hagenhoff	Kurt Toebben	Mark Woodson	29	
<i>Herb &amp; Becky Kuhn</i>	11	21	Jeanne Nelson	
29	<i>Ed &amp; Joy Powers</i>	Wanda King	<i>Jim &amp; Nancy Dunwiddie</i>	
<i>Matt &amp; Shelly Woodson</i>	12			
30	<i>John &amp; Jeanne Ruth</i>			
<i>Don &amp; Terri Lloyd</i>				

# Youth & Other Updates

## Celebrating Summer

While my new role as your part-time Assistant Minister means new and different responsibilities, providing care and support for youth and their families remains a priority. If your 6th-12th grader/s would like to celebrate the end of the school year by meeting with me for frozen yogurt at YoYums, email me at [alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org) to schedule a time to meet.

I'm happy to meet with members of any age. One of my favorite parts of ministry is the opportunity to be part of members' lives - to celebrate joys, to be present with you during times of sorrow, and to simply chat and reflect upon whatever is on your mind together. I'm an email away and will be happy to schedule time to spend with you.

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## Small Group Ministry Survey

Developing and facilitating small group ministries is one of the responsibilities (and joys) within my role as your Assistant Minister. You can help me discern what to offer and how by completing this brief survey by Saturday, June 26: <https://forms.gle/u3zKargE6sMsnYaZ9>

Please email me if you have questions or information you think would be helpful for me to know: [Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org).

Rev. Sarah and I hope to see you at Bible Study - either in the Activities Room at noon or via Zoom at 6:45 PM on Wednesdays.

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## Name Tags and Hospitality

Thanks to those who are wearing their name tags. Doing so helps Rev. Jim Hill learn our names while practicing hospitality with one another, new members, and our guests. Contact [Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org) if you do not have one.

Those curious to learn more about how wearing name tags can enhance the vitality of church life may appreciate this short article: <https://churchanswers.com/blog/10-reasons-everybody-at-church-should-wear-a-nametag/>.

With You on the Journey,

*Alexis*

*[Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org)*

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## LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Tuesday, July 20th, 7:00PM in the sanctuary at First Christian Church

# Music Ministry

## UPCOMING SPECIAL MUSIC

**\*June 27, 8:20** – The Forever Faithful women’s sextet (Sandra Troutt, Laura Avery, Charlotte Middleton, Sherry Jordan, Karla Denny, and Carolyn Green) will share two anthems. The first is “Indescribable,” a contemporary worship song by Laura Story which was first recorded by Chris Tomlin. The second anthem is an arrangement by Mark Hayes of David Haas’ composition, “You Are Mine.” The text of this anthem is a beautiful reminder of God’s constant presence with us, especially when we may feel hopeless, desperate or overwhelmed.

**\*July 4, 10:00 (note time of single service!)** -- Our choir accompanist, Scot Stout, will join me in sharing “Lord of the Dance,” an organ/piano duet by Joel Raney based on the Shaker tune *Simple Gifts* which dates to 1848.

**THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO A SPECIAL CONCERT** to be held in our sanctuary on Thursday, July 1, at 7:00 p.m., as a part of the holiday weekend. Music to be presented is diverse and represents rich culture that creates strength, support and unity: *Sonata for Two Pianos* by Fred Onowwerosuke, a St. Louis-based composer born in Ghana; *Rhapsody in Blue*, the popular composition by George Gershwin, son of Russian and Ukraine immigrants; and *Five Songs* by Florence Price, an African-American composer from Little Rock, AR, often noted to be the first woman of color to be recognized as a symphonic composer and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra.

Performers include **Dr. Carline Waugh**, a Jamaican-born soprano praised for her ability to mesmerize audiences. As a powerful singing actor, Dr. Waugh has thrilled audiences around the world with recent performances in Russia, Finland, Italy, Austria, the Caribbean, and the U.S. FCC was blessed to have her offer special music on a couple of occasions when she taught at Lincoln University. She now teaches at Marshall University in West Virginia.

At the piano will be the married duo, **Dr. Peter Miyamoto and Ayako Tsuruta**. Award-winning Dr. Miyamoto holds degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music, Yale University School of Music, Michigan State University and London’s Royal Academy of Music. He has performed throughout Europe, Asia, and North America and currently serves as Associate Professor of Piano and Chamber Music at the University of Missouri. Ayako Tsuruta has given numerous concerts throughout North America, Europe and the Middle East as soloist and chamber musician. She studied at both Juilliard School of Music and Yale University and has held visiting assistant professor positions at the University of MO-Columbia and the University of Alberta-Edmonton. In addition to maintaining a private piano studio, she is Executive and Artistic Director of the Odyssey Chamber Music Series, Artistic Director to the Plowman Chamber Music Competition, and founder of the Columbia Music School.



I hope that you will invite your music-appreciating friends to join you for this special opportunity featuring these incredible performers! **The concert is FREE!**

## Food for Kids Summer Feeding Program

First Christian will once again be participating in the Food for Kids summer feeding program. The program will begin July 5th and deliver lunches to four locations Monday through Friday through August 20. The program will be basically the same as it was in prior years. Different churches will take a week to prepare the lunches and they will be delivered by different businesses to the sites.

First Christian has been assigned the week of July 19-23 to prepare the lunches. We need 4-6 volunteers to arrive at the First Presbyterian Church about 10:30 am each day that week. It usually only takes about an hour. ALL THOSE MAKING LUNCHES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK.

If you are willing to make lunches one time or everyday that week, please let Ann Littlefield know which day you are available. Thank you for helping with this needed ministry.

*Ann Littlefield*

*littlefieldann@icloud.com or 573-230-5194*

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## Summer Camp 2021

Registration is still open for two camps this summer!

Chi-Rho camp for grades 6 and 7 at Camp Jo-Ota August 1-6

Try-it Camp for Pre-K through 1st graders with an adult family member at Camp Jo-Ota August 6-8

Try-It Camp currently is looking for additional families to register to reach the minimum number of participants needed to hold the camp. FCC JCMO church members are registered and would love to have you join them!

More information can be found at: <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer> or by contacting Rev. Sarah.

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies to help camp be safe and healthy this year! Rev. Sarah and campers from FCC JCMO will be taking these items to camp with them in July.



Common Ground is hosting the Capital City's First EVER Lip-Sync Battle! This year, it's a virtual battle where dollars = votes.

YouTube link to videos must be submitted to [lipsync@cgcb.org](mailto:lipsync@cgcb.org) by July 30, 2021.

More information can be found at <https://www.cgcb.org/lip-sync>.



# OFFICE NOTES

Church office hours are 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. Kathy takes a lunch hour somewhere between 1:30PM and 3:00PM [usually 1:45PM to 2:45PM]. If you need to drop something off at church, or need to speak with Kathy, coming in before 1:30PM or after 3:00PM is the easiest way to know someone will be in the office.

Rev. Dr. Jim Hill is in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, besides being here on Sundays. You may always get in touch with him by email [Jim@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Jim@firstchristianjcmo.org) or by calling the church office.

Rev. Sarah can be contacted by phone or email [Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org). She has office hours on Mondays from 2 - 4PM and is off on Thursdays.

## 4TH SUNDAY JUNE 27

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

Cecile Landrum

#### LITURGIST

Karla Denny

#### DEACONS

Lauren Eichelberger  
Chris Lloyd  
Marsha Graham

#### USHERS

Kathy Cavendar  
Rick Vaughan

#### COMMUNION PREP

Sandy Robinson

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Laura Avery

#### LITURGIST

Elaine West

#### DEACONS

Missy Mann  
Jessica Bivin  
Shaun Crisp  
Leigh Love

#### USHERS

Marsha & Allen  
Posz

## 1ST SUNDAY JULY 4

### ONE SERVICE

#### 10:00AM

#### ELDER

Steve Waters  
Cecile Landrum

#### LITURGIST

Marsha Graham

#### DEACONS

Allen Posz  
Marsha Posz  
Kathy Brown  
Venita Jackson

Brian Knight

Kara Knight

Tyler Fishback

Miranda Fishback

#### COMMUNION PREP

Jeanne Nelson

#### USHERS

Greg & Sherry  
Fitzpatrick

## 2ND SUNDAY JULY 11

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

David Avery  
J.T. Yarnell

#### LITURGIST

Patty Osman

#### DEACONS

Ken Littlefield  
Nancy Samp  
Linda Ringo  
Nancy Hequembourg

#### USHERS

Joe Payne  
Nike Thompson

#### COMMUNION PREP

Meghan Hagenhoff

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Alan Nelson  
Ray Miles

#### LITURGIST

Pat Amick

#### DEACONS

Blair Johnson  
Sally Moore  
Charles Highland  
Steven Claycomb

#### USHERS

Debi Wells  
Georgia Griffith

## 3RD SUNDAY JULY 18

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

Cecile Landrum  
Steve Waters

#### LITURGIST

J.T. Yarnell

#### DEACONS

Lauren Eichelberger  
Chris Lloyd  
Marsha Graham

#### USHERS

Greg & Sherry  
Fitzpatrick

#### COMMUNION PREP

Karen Shroyer

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Melanie Highland  
Cindy Leveron

#### LITURGIST

Elizabeth Coffman

#### DEACONS

Missy Mann  
Jessica Bivin  
Shaun Crisp  
Leigh Love

#### USHERS

Morris Woodruff  
Stephen Foutes

## 5TH SUNDAY AUG 29

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

Alan Nelson  
Bob Priddy

#### LITURGIST

#### USHERS

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Steve Waters  
Cecile Landrum

#### LITURGIST

#### USHERS

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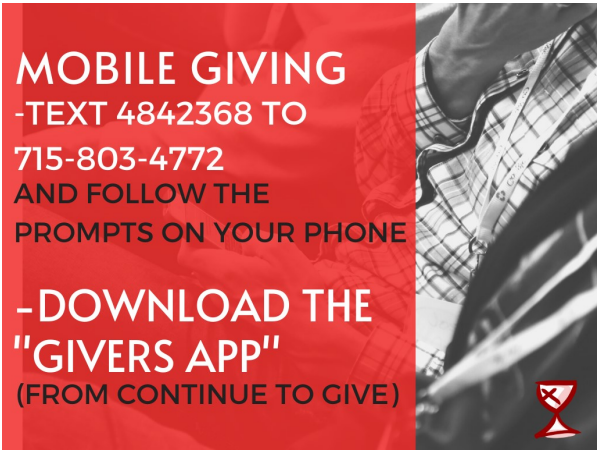
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**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:**  
 Please contact Rev. Kingsbery at 573-690-2480 **Non-emergency** church-related items after working hours, Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM, we have voice mail. Please feel free to call the church (573-636-5157) at any time and leave a message. **NOTE: IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE ON FRIDAY (AFTER 5PM), SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, IT WILL NOT BE CHECKED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THANK YOU.**

The next  **Church Bell** will be sent July 7, 2021.  
 (Articles are due by noon the Monday before)



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 If you need the password, please contact the church office at 573-636-5157 or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (712) 775-7270 and enter access code 444928.

Please email or call Tina Mollenkamp tinamollenkamp@cgcb.org/573-522-4314), if you would like to be on Common Grounds email newsletter list, regular mailing list, or both. As an alternative, you can also sign up for the email newsletters on our website at [www.cgcb.org](http://www.cgcb.org).



## You may also give online at [firstchristianjcmo.org/donate](http://firstchristianjcmo.org/donate)

### Financial Records and Questions

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to Carol Kaylor at [finance@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:finance@firstchristianjcmo.org). We have contracted with CALD services, a local accounting firm specializing in religious non-profits, to provide these critical functions.

**Who Are We? We call ourselves Disciples, a community of believers who follow Jesus by *worshiping* God, *growing* in faith, and *serving* all in need. Bound to each other in Christ's love, we discover our life together through *sharing* life with the world.**

WEBSITES YOU NEED TO STAY CONNECTED

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