

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- We welcome the **Rev. Adei Grenpastures** to the pulpit this Sunday, and look forward to hearing what the Spirit has lead her to share.
- God's comfort and solace for **Bob Kuhl** and his children, **Matthew, Ethan,** and **Hannah**, who are grieving the loss of wife and mother, **Lucy Steiner**. The family are good friends of the **Brewer-Calverts**.
- The ministries and mission of Decatur First, and the prayerful discernment of faithful stewardship.
- **Melvin Bussey** asks for prayers that God will grant him the strength and focus to make it through this semester of seminary.
- **Yvonne Capshaw**, friend and colleague of **Michael Dodd**, her mother and husband, **Rodney**, have both been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Wiley E. Harris** shares he was reunited with his sister and prays that God's hand will lead her back to the fold.
- **Betty Brewer-Calvert** requests prayers for traveling mercies as the family drives to New York for **Buffy Calvert's** 80th birthday celebration.
- **Cathy Keeler** requests prayers of healing for her mom and dad.
- **Sahirah Bussey** requests prayers for students, professors, and teachers as they approach the end of their semester.
- **Glen** and **Brandy Alsobrook** offer thanksgiving for prayers this past week on the passing of her step-mom **Diane Minton**. They also request prayers for **Elaine Alsobrook** as she has been helping **Glen, Sr.**, get well.
- **Jessica Vazquez Torres** and **Laura M. Chelfetz** request prayers for **Laura's** parents as they transition in to a new ministry in a new city; for **Jessica's** grandmother as she recovers from an incident of Bell's Palsy; for transitions; for the President.
- **Alan Thomas**, friend of **Nathan Brown**, requests prayers for employment.
- **Yanhui Wang** requests prayers that he will have a good journey in Denver while attending a business meeting there.
- **Dan'l Giles** requests prayers of healing and comfort for his sister **Katie** who is hospitalized in Florida.
- **Dianna Williams** requests prayers for **Leah Gaubert**, a 3rd grade teacher at **Ellen** and **Mei Mei's** school, whose husband died suddenly. **Ellen** has friends in **Ms. Gaubert's** class.
- **Rachel Norton** is anticipating hip replacement surgery in the foreseeable future.
- **Rosa Kent's** son in law **Robert Miranda** requires hand surgery, and her friend **John Bright** is in the hospital.
- Families of the fathers of **Joshua Schwartz** and **Michael East**. Both of their fathers passed away on Nov. 4.
- **Ralph Reiley** continues to recover and has three weeks left before rehab starts. **Ralph** offers thanks for the good folks of Decatur First. **Daphne Reiley** gives thanks for continued prayerful support, healing, rest, and continued good humor of "her patient."
- Prayers for **Sandra Sexson**, her aunt in Mississippi and her aunt's family.
- **Carl** and **Ursula Sax** request prayers for their granddaughter **Kim Benjamin** (pneumonia).
- **Christine Middour** requests prayers for her friend **Olivia**, who is recovering from a liver transplant.
- Healing and wholeness for all of those who are recovering from surgery and enduring the effects of chemotherapy treatments.
- God's comfort and mercy to embrace all of those in harm's way in all the areas of the world living in conflict.

- Healing and strength for **Judy** and **George Barrett**, ongoing health concerns. Continued prayers as well for **Alicia Maxwell** and **Laura Thigpen**, friends of **Adei Grenpastures** who are going through chemo treatments; looking to feel God's support and our prayers.
- Comfort and solace for **Ruby Rathel**, **Elaine Alsobrook's** mother support, healing, and strength for **Kimberly** and **Katya Kolberg**, and **Lori Keaton**, friends of **Daphne Reiley**.

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 21:	Christian Youth Fellowship goes to Atlanta 1st Awakenings Service in the Chapel Sunday School Sanctuary Service Personnel Committee Meeting NA
Monday, November 22:	10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group 1 p.m. Disciple Women decorate for Advent 6:30 p.m. Evaluation and Planning Meeting
Tuesday, November 23:	4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher 8:00 p.m. AA/ALANON
Thursday, November 25:	Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed
Friday, November 26:	Office Closed
Saturday, November 27:	1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, November 28:	First Day of Advent-Hope Sunday Unload Christmas Trees Awakenings Service in the Chapel Sunday School Sanctuary Service NA

Assisted Living: **Gus Head** Northlake Gardens 1300 Montreal Road, Room 228 Tucker, GA 320084-8141; **Matelyn Heyward** Ivy Hall 5690 State Bridge, Room 130 Alpharetta, GA. 30022-8188; **Velma McKinney** Wesley Wood Towers 208 Towers Circle NE Atlanta, GA. 30329-4095; **Gwen Sapp** Traditions Health & Rehabilitation 2816 Evans Mill Road-Room D10 Lithonia, GA. 30058-7440; **Ellen Young** and **Eunice Kalb** 3675 Kensington Road Decatur, GA. 30032-1735. **At Home:** **Julie Bryant** 2100 Clairmont Lake Montclair Room 213 Decatur, GA. 30033-4052; **Jean Crowe** 165 Marion Place, NE, Apt. 705 Atlanta, GA 30307-2791; **Hank Ferry** 1209 Highland Drive, NE Marietta, GA 30062-2206; **Maurice** and **Edith Jones** 4640 Stonemeade Court Atlanta, GA 30331-7988; **Jane Liles** 127 King's Bridge, NE Atlanta, GA 30329-2548; **Thetis Merritt** 631 Kirk Road Decatur, GA 30030-4524; **Don** and **Carolyn Middour** 1476 Oakridge Circle Decatur, GA 30033-2133; **Robbie Re** 1701 The Oaks Clarkston, GA. 30021-1276; **Sara Ripy** Arbor Terrace 425 Winn Way Rm. 224 Decatur, GA 30030-1733; **Millie Simmons** 221 Mimosa Drive Decatur, GA 30030-3733; **Virginia Smith** 336 Madisons Way Waleska, GA 30183-3182.

To Our First Christian Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards and words of encouragement on the loss of our brother. *Lonnie and Lillie Sapp*

Correction!!!

Decorating for Advent has been changed to November 22 at 1 p.m.

A Disciples Affirmation of Faith

As members and friends of the Christian Church,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace
we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.

We rejoice in God,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in the covenant of love
which binds us to God and one another.

Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit
we are joined together in discipleship
and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever. Amen.

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The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born in the early 1800s as a dynamic movement for God that spread across the American frontier. Seeking to move beyond denominational division and toward being a New Testament Church, our founders envisioned a united community of faith grounded in the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Today we are over 3,700 congregations strong across the United States, Canada, and around the world. The red Chalice with St. Andrew's Cross symbolizes our focus on the weekly celebration of Holy Communion and the openness of the Lord's Table, where all are made welcome and invited to partake.

First Christian Church of Decatur was founded on Christmas Day 1921, and has served faithfully ever since with a significant urban ministry, an inclusive theology, and a Kingdom-building vision. We are open and accepting of all of God's people, and encourage women, men, and young people to follow their call from God to serve, just as Christ first served us.

How to Join:

You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism.

Please fill out a Friends and Visitors Card (found in your worship program) and bring it forward with you during the Hymn of Invitation, where our Pastor will be delighted to welcome you.

Disciples of Christ congregations are delighted to recognize all baptisms. We baptize by immersion at an age of understanding. If you have not been baptized we will schedule one with you at a later date. Pastor-led classes on "Baptism and Belonging" are offered on a regular basis.