

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- Prayers of thanksgiving for **Jessica Torres** who joined First Christian Church of Decatur yesterday, and her partner **Laura Chelfetz**. Welcome Home!
- All of those on the roads, in the air, or on the rails, may God keep them all safe and sound until they reach their destinations.
- **Sarah McClelland** requests prayers for her friend **Kate Buckley** who is expecting her first baby "any day" now.
- **Dave** and **Laura Andrew** request prayers for traveling mercies for "our friend **Jessica Musick** and her family. Her grandmother died after a long illness yesterday." (Saturday)
- Prayers for God's healing hand to touch all of his creatures whether wild, domestic, furry or feathered.
- Prayers for **Nathan Brown** for improved health and for personal and spiritual discernment.
- **Wiley Harris** and **Dan'l Giles** share, "We ask for prayer in difficult times amidst the confusion of the holidays and for peace of God to appreciate all our undeserved blessings."
- **Rosa Kent** offers prayers for "happy and healthy Christmas and New Year for all."
- **Jeanette Duncan** requests prayers for **Tracy Tabacek** at the passing of her father last Monday.
- **Diana** and **David Blake** and **Kasey Bezio** offer prayers of thankfulness and kindness for the **Barnett Family** in the loving memory of "**Lila**", beloved mother and wife.
- **Paul** and **Sage Appleby** ask, "Please pray for my friend **Mary Kenyon**-her grandson (**Jacob**, age 5) was diagnosed on Friday with kidney cancer. He will be having surgery Monday (today) morning and spend Christmas in the hospital. Please pray for strength for their family."
- **Barbara Powell** requests prayers for her niece, **Mary Beth Powell**, who has congestive heart failure and COPD.
- **Lily Delk** requests prayers for her friend **Brenda Powell** who was recently diagnosed with cancer on her liver.
- **Jackie Jenkins** requests prayers for **Drew Hayes** and **Nicole White Hayes** as their newborn son, David, undergoes heart surgery to correct three heart defects.
- Prayers for peace and comfort for all of those living with dementia, and their caregivers.
- Prayers for strength and comfort and healing for all of those living with cancer, chemotherapy, and the difficult side-effects of such treatment regimens.
- Healing and strength for **Judy** and **George Barrett**. Prayers of thanksgiving for **Alicia Maxwell's** positive response to treatments. Prayers for **Alicia's** friend **Andy Farmer**. Continued prayers for **Laura Thigpen**, friend of **Adei Grenpastures** who continues to undergo chemo treatments.
- 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**.
- Prayers for healing and relief from pain for **Marion Meador**.
- **Jeanette Duncan** requests prayers for her daughter-in-law, **Stephanie Duncan**.
- **Cathy Keeler** requests prayers for continued healing for her mother and father; both are doing better!
- **Julie Fleming** and **J.D. Fleming** request prayers for **Vicky Likens**, who is in treatment for leukemia.
- **Yvonne Capshaw**, friend and colleague of **Michael Dodd**, her mother and husband, **Rodney**, have both been diagnosed with cancer.
- Continued prayers for recuperation and rest for **Glen** and **Elaine Alsobrook**.
- Healing prayers for the **Alexander family**, still experiencing illness in the family.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 26:	Anita Renahan-White is preaching
8:30 a.m.	Awakenings Service in the Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:50 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
8 p.m.	NA
Monday, December 27:	Office Closed
Tuesday, December 28:	
4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
8:00 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Sunday, January 2:	
8:30 a.m.	Awakenings Service in the Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:50 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
8 p.m.	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.

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.