



**First Christian Church of Decatur  
(Disciples of Christ)**

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*Resolve to Love 🌐 Agree to Differ 🌐 Unite to Serve 🌐 Break Bread Together*

**Sunday, November 17, 2024  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Theme:

Be careful when you make promises to God.  
Be careful about what you say to him.  
Don't let your feelings cause you to speak too soon.  
God is in heaven, and you are on the earth.  
This saying is true:  
Bad dreams come from too many worries,  
and too many words come from the mouth of a fool.  
If you make a promise to God, keep your promise.  
Don't be slow to do what you promised.  
God is not happy with fools.  
Give God what you promised.  
It is better to promise nothing  
than to promise something and not be able to do it.  
So don't let your words cause you to sin.  
Don't say, "I didn't mean what I said."  
If you do this, God might become angry with your words  
and destroy everything you have worked for.  
You should not let your useless dreams  
and bragging bring you trouble.  
You should respect God.

*Ecclesiastes 5:2-7 (ERV)*

## We Gather to Connect with God and One Another

Theme

Rev. Phil Foster

Prelude

Adam Cole

Welcome, Announcements

Rev. Daniel Brower

† Opening Hymn

*“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”*

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*Rejoice, you pure in heart,  
lift praises to the sky;  
your festive banner wave with joy,  
the cross of Christ raise high! [Refrain]*

*[Refrain]*

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and  
sing.*

*Bright youth and snow-crowned age,  
strong souls and spirits meek,  
raise high your free exulting song,  
God's wondrous praises speak.  
[Refrain]*

*With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the hymns the saints have  
loved,  
the psalms of ancient days. [Refrain]*

*Yes, on through life's long path,  
still singing as you go,  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]*

*Praise God who rules all worlds,  
the risen Christ adore.  
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire,  
and God for ever more! [Refrain]*

† Call to Worship (*Psalm 15*)

Rev. Phil Foster

One O God, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Many: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

One: Who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**Many: In whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear God; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

One: Who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Many: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

**O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path, that we may travel the road you have prepared for us. Enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand your goodness and your grace. Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life, that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit. Amen.**

† Song of Praise

*"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"***49***From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:**Alleluia! Alleluia!**Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **We Receive and Respond to The Word**

Holy Scriptures

**Acts 4:36-5:10**

Minnie Dozier Haynes

There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Daniel Brower

Anthem

Hymn Sing

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Brower

Communion Hymn

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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*Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)  
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)*

*[Refrain:]*

*When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)  
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) [Refrain]*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)  
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) [Refrain]*

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship & Holy Communion

Rev. Phil Foster

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Rev. Daniel Brower

*(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. After the Words of Institution are proclaimed, you are invited to partake of the Bread and the Cup.)*

Words of Institution

Rev. Daniel Brower

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,

**Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

One: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

**Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you remember the Lord until He comes.

**God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.**

### **We Are Led Out By the Spirit**

† Closing Hymn

*“Pass It On”*

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*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.*

*What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,  
the birds begin to sing,  
the flowers start their blooming;  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
you want to pass it on.*

*I wish for you, my friend,  
this happiness that I've found--  
on God you can depend,  
it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top,  
I want my world to know:  
the Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.*

Postlude

Adam Cole

Benediction

Rev. Daniel Brower

† *You are invited to stand.*

## Bring Friends and Enthusiasm!

**Sundays** – Rev. Stan Saunders Sunday School, Pathfinders, 9:30 AM

**Sun, Nov 17** – Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary, following morning worship

**Sun, Nov 17** – Transition Team Meeting, Pathfinders, following morning worship

**Tue, Nov 19** – Transgender Day of Remembrance, Sanctuary, 5 PM

**Wed, Nov 20** – Promotion and pinning ceremony of LT Daniel Brower, Clay National Guard Center, Marietta, GA, 10 AM

**Wed, Nov 20** – Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM - 3 PM

**Sun, Nov 24** – Christmas Tree Unloading, following morning worship

**Sun, Nov 24** – Dr. Jack Mitchener, Organ Concern, Schwartz Center for Performing Arts, 4 PM

## Notes


## Welcome Statement

*All In*



*First Christian Church of Decatur (Disciples of Christ) is an open and affirming congregation. We welcome everyone into full participation in the life and membership of the church.*

*Inspired and informed by God's love, mercy, and justice, we are purposefully involved in the healing and helping of our community and our world. We covenant with God and the greater community to nurture a spirit of love and service to neighbors, honor one another's differences, and fellowship in the breaking of the bread.*

*Actively striving to honor each other's race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, family configuration, political affiliation, economic circumstance, or theological perspective, we truly welcome all.*

### Online Giving

First Christian Church of Decatur is a spiritual community that transcends physical distance. In this unprecedented time, online giving is a positive way that this growing faith community can be supported.



As we often say in worship at the Invitation to Faithful Stewardship, "Those in need, please take; those with abundance, please give." If and when you find yourself in need, please let us know so we might be of assistance. You matter to your Church, which is the Body of Christ. The missions of our church are imperative to nurture a hurt and hurting world.

For those who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing in our lives, please click the following link:

<https://www.osvhub.com/decaturdisciples/giving/funds>

***Thank you for your support and prayers.***

### Ministers: All the People

#### **Your Church Staff:**

Rev. Daniel C. Brower, *Interim Minister*

Russell Broomfield-Ranney, *Church Bookkeeper*

Adam Cole, *Organist*

Tanya DePree, *Church Administrator*

William E. Garner, *Director of Music*

Kedric Kelly, *Facility Manager*

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm