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Stewardship Sunday

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**Welcome Visitors!** We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, *everyone*.

## I. Prelude – (Joshua Hegg)

## II. Welcome and Announcements – (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Today – Fellowship following service; 3:00 p.m. decorating the sanctuary for Advent.
- Monday - 5:00 p.m. Advent Rehearsal in the chapel.
- Tuesday –11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4;
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – **Office closed for Thanksgiving.**
- Friday – **Office closed for Thanksgiving.**
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds in Room 6, Zoom; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service.

## III. Opening Hymn – CH #91 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (Joshua Hegg)

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

O Sinners, who can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.

#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)**

Good morning! May God's blessings be with you this day!

**Thank you, and may God's blessings be with you also!**

May the light of Christ's love shine on you today  
**May the peace of Christ be in your heart.**

Open your hearts to celebrate the reign of our Savior  
Jesus Christ.

**With joy we open our hearts and spirits to the Lord. AMEN.**

#### **V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School**

#### **VI. Luke 23:33-43 NRSV – (Georgeanne Bennett)**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The

soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

#### **VII. Sermon - "Jesus, Remember Me" (Jesse Kearns)**

#### **VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #569 "Jesus, Remember Me" (x3) (Joshua Hegg)**

Jesus, remember me  
When you come into your kingdom  
Jesus, remember me  
When you come into your kingdom.

#### **IX. Moment for Mission: Blessing and Commission of the Pledges**

O God, Creator of all, everything we are and everything we have is really yours, but placed in our care for a while. So now we make this offering as a sign of our admission that we are yours, and that we are only in this world to fulfill your purpose.

**We lay before you our bodies that they may be living sacrifices; instruments ready for you to use in working out your plan.**

**We lay before you our minds, seeking that we may do your will with understanding.**

**We lay before you our money, our homes, our possessions, that they may find their rightful use in your service and that we may be saved from soul-destroying selfishness.**

**We lay before you the whole life of this congregation, that your life-creating power may reach out through us, putting new life into a dying world.**

**We thank you that all over the world, men and women like ourselves are offering themselves to you and we pray that we may all receive new power to teach humankind the right use of the world's resources.**

Amen.

### **X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)**

### **XI. Communion Song CH #400 "When You Do This, Remember Me" (Joshua Hegg)**

You my friend, a stranger once, do now belong to  
heaven

Once, far away, you are brought home into God's  
family

"When you do this, remember me."

Now my Lord is also yours, my people are your own;  
Embraced together in God's arms I enfold you now  
in mine

"When you do this, remember me."

All your sorrows shall be mine, your joy shall be my  
joy;  
Indebted to God's love in Christ, we die and reign  
with him.

"When you do this, remember me."

So let us renew our faith, remembering our Lord  
To our strong hope we will hold fast, unshaken to the  
end.

"When you do this, remember me."

### **XII. Institution of Communion (Barbara Poetker and Bill Peterson elders)**

### **XIII. Partaking Communion Together**

### **XIV. Blessing/Benediction**

### **XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)**

## **2022 Thanksgiving Offering**



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## Advent

- There are **printed Advent Devotionals** from Sanctified Art available in the Sanctuary, next to the bulletins
- Sanctified Art has a **free Spotify playlist** for the season [here](#).

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## CALENDAR

### **This Sunday—Commitment Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Decorating the church for Christmas

### **Monday**

- 5:00 p.m. Advent Rehearsals, Chapel

### **Tuesday**

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4

### **Wednesday**

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

### **Thursday—Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed**

### **Friday—Church Office Closed**

### **Next Sunday—First Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall

## Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What's a "Doxology"?** Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord's Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We'd love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you'll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.