

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting people to Jesus so that lives, families, and community can be restored.

October 28, 2020

Time to Jump Back

This weekend Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. Set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed this Saturday night, October 31st!

Prayer that Works / All Saints' Sunday

This Sunday, we begin a new sermon series called "Prayer that Works." This series continues through the month of November. See below all of the opportunities to focus on prayer during the month of November.

Also, this first day of November is All Saints' Sunday. On this day we normally remember our honored dead (members who have passed away in last year), celebrate our new members, and celebrate those baptized. However, this is not a normal year – so this Sunday, we will only remember our honored dead. Join us in person or online.

Go Vote!

John Wesley (along with his brother Charles) was founder of the Methodist movement 300 years ago. Wesley was a man who was devoted to Scripture and prayer and offered profound wisdom on how to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

We can also glean from his wisdom on elections and voting. In Wesley's personal journal, an entry dated October 6, 1774 says:

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

- To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.
- To speak no evil of the person they voted against.
- To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.

Wesley's advice is good for us in this divisive moment. Next Tuesday is Election Day in America. Voting is a right and a privilege. Exercise your right to vote! When you vote next Tuesday, vote for the person you deem "most worthy," but don't speak evil of the one you "vote against" or those who vote differently from you. Recently I shared with our Church Council that both Presidential candidates have good and bad qualities and neither political party is God's favorite.

At Christ United, we have members on both sides of the political spectrum. Just because someone has a different political view than ours doesn't disqualify them from being a child of God. If we identify more with our political passions than our identity in Christ – then something's out-of-whack with our lives.

Whoever wins the election, whether it's the person I vote for or not, I'm going to accept it peacefully. The sun is still going to come up on November 4th and the sky isn't going to fall.

God will still be God and worthy of our devotion and service. Whoever wins won't affect who the Church is and what our mission is.

So go vote next Tuesday and act like a follower of Jesus.

Pledge Cards

Thanks to those who turned in 2021 pledge cards last Sunday to help us continue strong in ministry! If you didn't fill out a card or are still considering it, we encourage you to follow through as you are able. Click [HERE](#) to be linked to the online pledge form. We will continue to remind people to do so throughout November.

Discover Christ - November 22

On Sunday November 22nd, we'll host our next Discover Christ event at 12:15pm (after worship concludes) in the Fellowship Hall. Discover Christ is an opportunity to know Jesus and to be part of the faith family at Christ United. To register for this event, RSVP to connections@christunitedjxn.org by Wednesday, November 18. Masks and social distancing will be in effect. Box lunches will be provided for participants.

Make it a GREAT week!

Bob Rambo

Bob Rambo, Lead Pastor

WORSHIP



Register for In-person Worship on Sunday Mornings

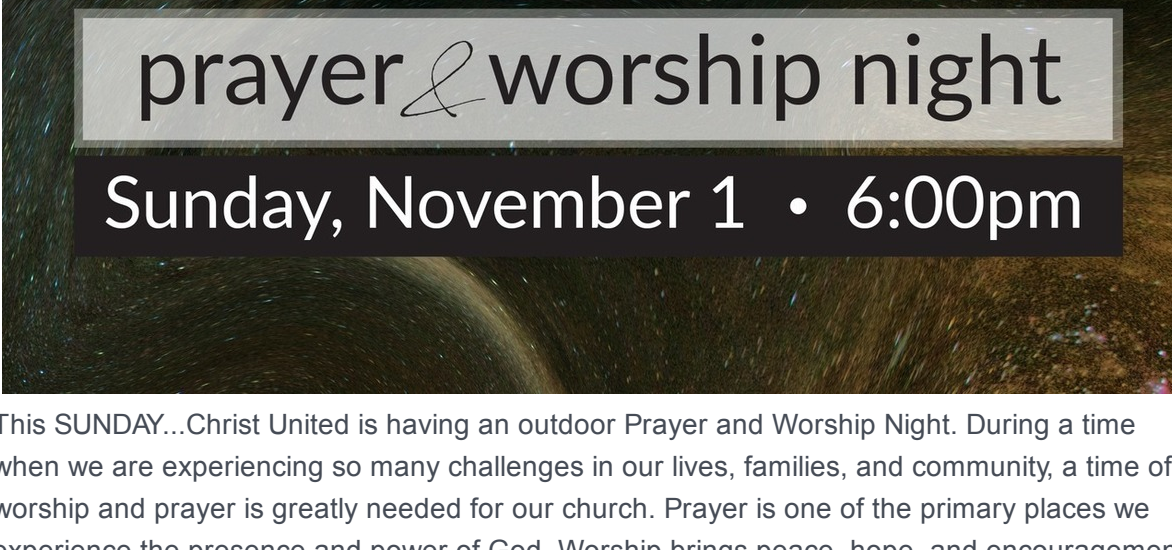
Click [HERE](#) to register for in-person worship for this Sunday, November 1, at 9am or 11am.

When you register your family for in-person worship, please also register your children. At 9am we offer nursery for 0-2 year olds, and at 11am we have programs for birth - 3rd grade.

Remember that you may also join us on online for worship at 9am (Bridge) or 11am (Traditions) by clicking the livestream link on our website. The services are also streaming on Facebook Live at both times. Archived versions of previous sermons are available for viewing - Click [HERE](#) for last Sunday's Traditions or click [HERE](#) for last Sunday's Bridge.

How to Cancel Your Worship Ticket

If you decide not to use your worship reservation, please take the time to cancel your ticket so someone else can attend. Follow these instructions to cancel: **1)** Go to your order. **2)** Log in to your Eventbrite account, then click your order on the Tickets page. **3)** Select 'Cancel Order' (next to your order details). Then choose "Yes, cancel this order." (*The attendee and event organizer will receive an email to confirm cancellation.*)



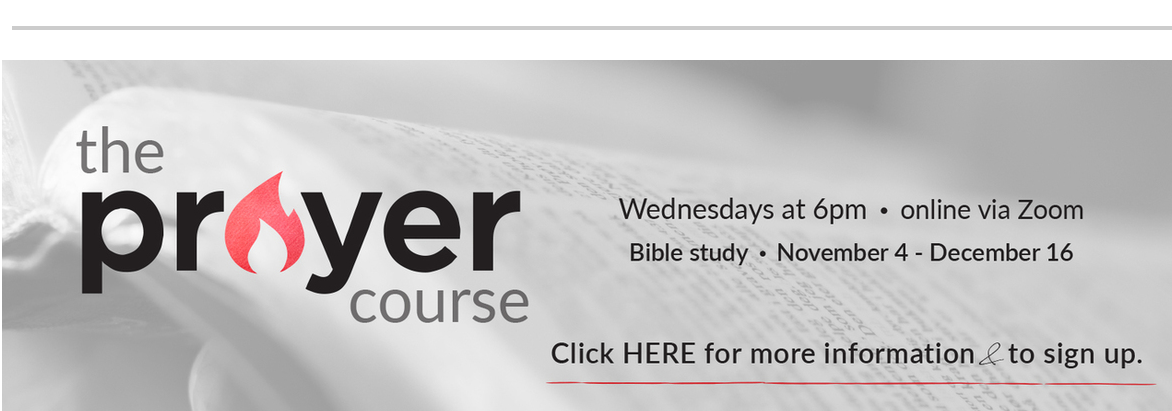
This SUNDAY...Christ United is having an outdoor Prayer and Worship Night. During a time when we are experiencing so many challenges in our lives, families, and community, a time of worship and prayer is greatly needed for our church. Prayer is one of the primary places we experience the presence and power of God. Worship brings peace, hope, and encouragement in a time where the world is desperate for these. Bring a blanket or a chair, and let's worship God together. Since we are outside, we are going to invite singing, and masks are optional.

We will continue to ask you to honor social distancing protocols unless you are with family or close friends. Food trucks will begin serving in the parking lot at 5pm.

GROW



Tonight is the last night for the Prayer Room to meet at 5:30pm online. If you have a prayer request, please email them to prayer@christunitedjxn.org. Click [HERE](#) to join tonight's final meeting via Zoom. (*All are encouraged to attend The Prayer Course beginning next Wednesday*)



The Prayer Course is a 6-week course designed to teach you how to pray according to Jesus' teaching on prayer. If you want to grow in your competence and confidence when it comes to prayer, the prayer course is for you. We will meet on Zoom starting Wednesday, November 4. If you would like to join, click [HERE](#) to register.



Note: the SOAP study will be taking a break after this week. (ending Friday, October 30)

Sign up TODAY for our new 28 Days of Prayer initiative beginning Sunday, November 1st! You will receive an email or a text with the Scripture, topic of prayer and a prayer written by a Prayer Team member. We can all pray the same thing daily as a way of gathering together! Click [HERE](#) to register. Let's pray together in November!



Are you interested in joining or learning more about Christ United? Join our ministry staff for an informal gathering on Sunday, November 22 following our worship services. We will be treating you to lunch starting at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. During our time together you'll learn more about our vision and mission at Christ United, and you will have a chance to ask questions. After the gathering, you will have an opportunity to officially join Christ United, but you are not obligated to become a member at this time.

Childcare will be available for ages 5 and under in our Kids Ministry wing; the food for lunch is available to them as well. Let us know if you need childcare when you RSVP. Older children generally attend the Discover Christ with their parents.

This meeting is a prerequisite to joining Christ United. If you would like to attend this class, email connections@christunitedjxn.org - RSVP by Wednesday, November 18.

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