

WOULD YOU PLEASE WAIT!

Jesus taught us the strength of patience. He said, “In your patience possess ye your souls.” Your salvation may consist more in standing firm than in climbing mountains. Patience gets you up every day and keeps you going on. Patience keeps you going despite unanswered questions. Patience becomes your greatest statement of faith in God!

Before you run out of patience with patience, you would be wise to find out its blessings. By patience you inherit the promises of God (Hebrews 6:12). By patience you find completion and fulfillment (James 1:3-4). By patience you endure that harshest of trials (Revelation 13:10). By patience you keep the commandments of God (Revelation 14:12). Instantaneous miracles, signs, wonders, and the marvelous works of God must never overshadow the simultaneous message of steadfastness, hope, and enduring faith in God.

Patience does not deny God’s power, but it trusts God’s timing. Patience does not question God’s intent, but it believes in God’s divine prerogative. Patience is not the expression of doubt but the confession of a higher faith. Patience says, “He hasn’t yet, but He will.” Patience says, “I may hurt, but I still hope.” Cultivate patience. Without it, you will be driven by panic, fear, and imagination. You will leap before looking, speak before listening, and act before thinking. Impatience costs you the best things because you will grab the immature, the unfinished, and the undeveloped things. This is why the writer to the Hebrews said, “Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”



Pastor Jonathan & Krista Barley

NOVEMBER 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 3 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM | 4 2—Day Fast | 5 FAMILY & KIDS PRAYER 7 PM | 6 | 7 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM | 8 | 9 |
| 10 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM | 15 | 16 SERVICE DAY 9AM—NOON |
| 17 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM | 22 ALL NIGHT PRAYER MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM | 23 |
| 24 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 NO SERVICE HAPPY THANKSGIVING | 29 | 30 |

Notes

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| 11/22 | All Night Prayer Midnight—6 AM |
| 11/28 | Thanksgiving—No Service |
| 12/3 | Family Prayer 7 PM |
| 12/8 | Christmas Concert 10 AM |
| 12/14 | Hyphen Trip to Chicago Christkindlmarket |
| 12/15 | Kids Christmas Program 10 AM |
| 12/22 | Traditional Christmas Service 10 AM |
| 12/27 | All Night Prayer Midnight—6 AM |

Service Times

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| Service Times Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM | Children's Ministry Ages: 2-11 Sunday Adventure Zone 10:00 AM |
| Thursday Midweek Experience 7:00 PM | Thursday Discovery Zone 7:00 PM |
| Student Ministry (in the loft) Wildlife - Ages: 12-18 Thursday 7:00 PM | Nursery Ages: 9 months - 2 years Every Service - downstairs in the Sunday School wing |

2024 Devotional Program

• Bible Reading:

- New Testament plus two books from reading list at the info desk.

- Visit: hobartfirstchurch.com/2024 to view the list of reading options.

• Prayer:

- Daily Devotion—Goal of 30 minutes per day
- Pre-service prayer before each service
- Family Prayer: First Tuesday of the month

• Fasting:

- Weekly – a day of your choosing.
- 2 day fast from food and media/entertainment the first Monday/Tuesday of every odd month (March, May, July, September, November).

C.L.A.S.S. System

Christian Life and Service Seminar is the class system to help you become connected and involved at First Church. Each step takes you into a more meaningful relationship with Christ. In these classes, you can expect to come to KNOW CHRIST, GROW IN CHRIST, learn how to LIVE LIKE CHRIST, and SERVE WITH CHRIST.

Serve Day

Excellence honors God and inspires people. The purpose of serve Day is to ensure the church grounds are maintained in excellent condition, inside and out. Volunteering for Serve Day can help you find purpose and fulfillment in the kingdom of God.

WILDLIFE

Wild Life is a dynamic, high energy, age-relevant youth ministry where young people ages 12–18 can worship freely, participate in leading service, develop talent, and grow spiritually. Get connected by emailing the youth ministry at youth@hobartfirstchurch.com, and receive emails about upcoming events and more.

First Church CARES

The Care Ministry at First Church seeks to help out our family who are hurting or in need. If you would like to get involved, email: care@hobartfirstchurch.com.

How can we pray for you this week?

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Phil. 4:13

Text in your prayer request to **219-444-0805**

Sermon Recordings

Now offering Online file download!

You can purchase Sermon Recordings as an **Online File for download (\$4 ea)**, **CD (\$5 ea)**, or in **both formats (\$6 ea)**.

All orders must be pre-paid and are available for pick up the following service.

REIMAGINE

We are nearing the 14-month mark for our Reimagine Pledges

Time 58% (14/24 months)

Target giving at 58%

If you committed....

- \$1,000.... target giving: \$580
- \$5,000.... target giving: \$2,900
- \$10,000.. target giving: \$5,800
- \$20,000.. target giving: \$11,600
- \$50,000.. target giving: \$29,000



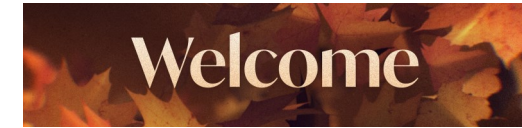
Whether you are new to faith, seeking to deepen your understanding, or reconnect with a group of believers, a Home Bible Study is a great place to start. We invite you to sign up for a 12-week, conversational style, small group where you can explore faith and experience community in a personal or small group setting. Sign up at the information desk to join a Home Bible Study today!



Join us for All Night Prayer this Friday, November 22nd from midnight—6 AM.

Verse to Hide in Your Heart

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. **Proverbs 11: 25 (NLT)**



You made the right choice when you decided to come to church today! Commit to being in the house of God every time the opportunity presents itself.



Hyphen Trip to Chicago Christkindlmarkt

Saturday December 14th Join us for some Christmas festivities in the city at Chicago's Christkindlmarkt. Do a little Christmas shopping, enjoy international treats, and snap some pics with your friends. (See website for full list of vendors). We'll grab dinner afterwards. See Ryan or Jenny for details.



Celebrate the birth of our Savior with special events all month long:

- Christmas Concert— 12/8 @ 10 AM
- Kids Program—12/15 @ 10 AM
- Traditional Christmas Service —12/22 @ 10 AM

GROWTH steps

- Join us for All Night Prayer this Friday from midnight—6 AM.
- Sign up once you have completed your 2024 Bible Reading.
- Memorize Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)

INFORMATION

Get Connected

Text **FirstChurch** to **970-00** to receive notifications and updates about services and events from First Church.

Did you know that we offer online giving through Zelle or *P2P through Centier ?

Use hobartfirst@gmail.com as the recipient address. Please be sure to fill out a giving envelope for all donations made through Zelle or P2P through Centier so that your contributions can be accurately recorded.

**Email hobartfirst@gmail.com for instructions on how to get set up with Centier's P2P.*

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