

Welcome, Visitors! If you are visiting today, we are so pleased that you chose to worship with us. If we can do anything to make you more comfortable during your visit, please feel free to reach out to an usher or our Pastor. Here at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we take Communion each Sunday. Anyone who is a follower of Christ is invited to partake. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please speak with Rev. Michael following the service.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome to participate in Worship. We do offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds while parents attend Worship and Sunday School. As an alternative to Sanctuary Worship, we offer Worship and Wonder, an experience designed to give children the opportunity to hear Bible stories and learn the Gospel at their own level. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us following the "Children's Blessing."

If you haven't checked out our website and social media pages, we'd love to connect with you in that way:

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This week at First Christian Church (DOC)

*CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall;
 FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary*

Sunday, January 29
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
 5:00 p.m. Handbells

Monday, January 30

Tuesday, January 31

Wednesday, February 1
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 5:30 p.m. Youth Groups (F)
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, February 2
 1:30 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, February 3
 Church Office Closed

Saturday, February 4

Announcements

Just a reminder, Youth Groups will now meet at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights!

Youth Group Ski Trip is planned for February 10th-12th, 2023. See Meaghan Glenn for details.

We are collecting items for the Help office and this month we are focusing on Paper Products and Cleaning Supplies. There is a Dog House placed in the lobby, please place any donations inside that house! Thank you for your generosity.



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Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
 January 29, 2023

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Andante"

Alexander Reinagle

*Call to Worship Connie Ford

One: Look for the signs of God's presence.

All: There is celebration in the air, joy abounds!

One: Look for the signs of God's presence.

All: The lonely are noticed, community grows!

One: Look for the signs of God's presence.

All: The oppressed are freed!

One: Look for the signs of God's presence.

All: Those who cannot understand receive insight!

One: Look for the signs of God's presence.

All: The suffering find compassion, the bereaved find comfort!

One: Look for the signs of God's presence.

All: God's Word is taken to heart. Faith is alive!***Hymn #284****"Gather Us In" (vs 1 & 4)**

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Connie Ford

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Connie Ford

Matthew 6:1-8

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a

blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder

(located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choir Message

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. by Craig Courtney

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:9-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Whenever...."

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn #254*"Breathe On Me, Breath of God" (vs. 1, 2, 4)****OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Lloyd Larson

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion**without regard for denominational affiliation.**You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion

Tom Maddox & Francie Miller

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Janet Corum, Piano

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Johann Werner

Arr. Cindy Berry

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction

Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading**First Reading- Matthew 6:1-8**

'Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

5 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Second Reading- Matthew 6:9-21

9 'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. 14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; 15but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. 16 'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 19 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.