

Welcome, Visitors! If you are visiting today, we are so pleased that you chose to worship with us. 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 in the Nursery 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, March 5
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, March 6
 6:30 pm OCTC Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, March 7
 8:00 am True North Mental Health Treatment Training Day (F)
 12:10 pm DWM Lenten Devotional & To Go Meal (S)

Wednesday, March 8
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups (F)
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)

Thursday, March 9

Friday, March 10 Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 11 West Area Workshops, FCC Madisonville

Announcements

The DWM Lenten Devotionals and To-Go Lunches continue Tuesday, March 7, at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary. The Speaker will be Rev. Bonnie Brown, with Carroll Laswell as the Leader. A to-go boxed lunch (\$7.00) will be available for pick up in the entry hall immediately following the service. All are invited. The Devotionals will continue each Tuesday through March 28.

Help office donations are appreciated. The March item is canned mixed fruit. Please place items in the dog house in the lobby.



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Second Sunday in Lent
 March 5, 2023

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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

"Glory to His Name"

John H. Stockton; Arr. Larry Shackley

*Call to Worship Michelle Whitmer

One: Living God, our companion,

All: We come before you on our Lenten journey. We pause. We wait for you.

One: It is a journey which will be taken reflectively.

All: Our spirits long for the refreshment which God will provide.

One: It is a journey which will be taken in faith.

All: Jesus, our teacher and example, has gone ahead of us.

One: It is a journey which we take as Christians together.

All: We have so much encouragement to give to each other.

One: In this act of worship we are equipped for the journey.

All: Thanks be to you, O most generous and supporting God.

***Hymn #33 "How Great Thou Art" (vs 1 - 3)**

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Michelle Whitmer

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Michelle Whitmer

Psalm 32:1-6

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

Message in Music "Come Unto Him" Janet Corum, soloist

Handel

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

John 8:12-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"I Am the Light of the World"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #576 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Indian Folk Melody

Arr. Molly IJames

*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 partake the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Beverly Chelgren, Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Jesus Paid it All"

John T. Grape, Arr. Robert Vandall

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 Readings

First Reading - Psalm 32:1-6

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up* as by the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress,* the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

Second Reading - John 8:12-20

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' 13Then the Pharisees said to him, 'You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.' 14Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15You judge by human standards; I judge no one. 16Yet even if I do judge, my judgement is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. 18I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.' 19Then they said to him, 'Where is your Father?' Jesus answered, 'You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.' 20He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.