

**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, February 18**  
 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, February 19**

**Tuesday, February 20**  
 12:10 p.m. Lenten Luncheon  
 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting (S)

**Wednesday, February 21**  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups (F)  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, February 22**

**Friday, February 23**  
 Church Office Closed

**Saturday, February 24**

**Announcements**

Week of Compassion Special Offering is this Sunday & next Sunday.

Lenten Luncheons start on Tuesday, February 20th at 12:10 p.m. and every Tuesday until Easter Sunday, March 31st.

There will be a Board Meeting on February 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



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First Sunday in Lent  
 February 18, 2024

**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  
"Lead Me to Calvary"  
William J. Kirkpatrick  
arr. Dan Forrest

\*Call to Worship Brian Belcher

One: We go with Jesus into the wilderness.

**All: We feel the need to get away to reflect and to pray.**

One: We stay with Jesus in the wilderness.

**All: We sense the power of the Tempter calling us to the easy, self-serving way.**

One: We endure with Jesus in the wilderness,

**All: aware of a Supportive Presence showing us a faithful way, a compassionate path.**

One: We return with Jesus from the wilderness,

**All: renewed in body, mind, and spirit, ready to be about God's work.****\*Hymn #17****"O Worship the King" (v 1,2,& 4)**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Brian Belcher  
(using "debts" and "debtors")First Scripture Reading Brian Belcher  
Mark 8:22-26

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 Shirley Sandifer, Piano  
"Sing Out My Soul"  
Garrett  
1st/3rd Quartet

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Mark 8:27-38

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"A Different Way to See Things"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #537****"My Hope Is Built" (vs. 1 & 4)****OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Folk melody from India

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 take the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion John &amp; Janey Burns

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Percy Smith

Arr. Michael Cox

**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- Mark 8:22-26**

22 They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. 23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, 'Can you see anything?' 24 And the man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.' 25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26 Then he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not even go into the village.'

**Second Reading- Mark 8:27-38**

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' 28 And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' 29 He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'