

**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**

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

**Sunday, February 20**  
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday, February 21** **Presidents Day**  
 6:30 p.m. OCTC Chorus Rehearsal (S/F)

**Tuesday, February 22**

**Wednesday, February 23**  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Thursday, February 24**

**Friday, February 25**

**Announcements**

**Church Camp**  
 2022 Camp KBY dates and age groupings are now available at [campkumbaya.org](http://campkumbaya.org).

**Youth Sunday School**  
 The pastor will be teaching the youth through the end of February. We will be talking about the question "What does it mean to be Christian in 2022? All youth, middle and high school, are invited.

**On the Horizon...**  
 During Sundays in Lent (March 6-April 10) the pastor will teach youth and adult Sunday School classes in the sanctuary each week. We will wrestle with *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

**Upcoming:**  
 March 2- Ash Wednesday- the beginning of Lent  
 March 6- First Sunday in Lent  
 April 10- Palm Sunday  
 April 17- Easter Sunday



**(Disciples of Christ)**

*"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by empowering all to compassionate service."*

**The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany  
 February 20, 2022**



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# February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

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## SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Jesus Loves Even Me"

by Philip P. Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship Nancy Connor

One: Beloved, we are called to love one another,  
because love is from God.

**All: God's love is poured in us from our birth.**

One: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

**All: God's loved is taught to us through the witness of  
God's faithful people.**

One: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

**All: In all creation, in all our relationships,  
may God's love be made known. AMEN.**

\*Hymn #517 BEECHER  
**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (v. 1, 2, and 4)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Nancy Connor  
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Nancy Connor  
Psalm 37:1-7

Children's Blessing Rev. 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. Michael

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music Choir  
"Worthy of Worship"  
by Terry W. York/Mark Blankenship

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Michael

Genesis 45:1-15

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Michael

"Preserving a Remnant"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #261 SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
**"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael

\*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 Wayne Goodaker

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Morton Holbrook, III, piano

*Prelude in C Major*

by Johann Sebastian Bach

## GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

*The flowers in the chancel have been given in thanksgiving to God for  
the life of Lucas McKinley Woodward. (5/14/77-2/23/03)*

## Scripture Readings

### First Reading: Psalm 37:1-7

1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, 2 for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. 4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. 6 He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. 7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

### Second Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' 12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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### Serving Schedule

Liturgist: Nancy Connor

Elder at the Table: Wayne Goodaker