

**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 6**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 5:00 p.m. High School Youth Game Night (F)

**Monday, February 7**

6:30 p.m. OCTC Chorus Rehearsal (S/F)

**Tuesday, February 8**

**Wednesday, February 9**

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Thursday, February 10**

5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting (S)  
 6:00 p.m. DWM Night Group (Leslie Mobley's home)

**Friday, February 11**

**Announcements**

**High School Youth- Game Night-- Tonight!**

The High School Youth will be having a game night tonight from 5:00-6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

**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.

**DWM**

The DWM Arm Chair Bazaar is the project for February. All donations are appreciated and will help DWM with their Mission work. We will also support Friends of Sinners during the month of February, who are in need of pillows (5-7), toilet paper, and laundry detergent. The day group will meet February 1st at the Church at 1:00. The night group will meet on Thursday, February 10th at 6:00 at Leslie Mobley's home-- 633 Pin High Drive



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

**The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany  
 February 6, 2022**

**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  
"More Love to Thee"  
by William H. Doane, Arr. Marianne Kim

\*Call to Worship Nancy Connor

One: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

**All: But who am I, that God should call me?**

One: You are a beloved child of God.

**All: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.**

One: God is with you; don't be afraid.

**All: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me.****Help me to serve you. AMEN.**\*Hymn #280 ABBOT'S LEIGH  
"God is Here" (v. 1, 2, and 4)\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Nancy Connor  
(using "debts" and "debtors")First Scripture Reading Nancy Connor  
Psalm 71:1-8Children'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  
"The Light of the World in Jesus"  
arr. A.J. PierceSecond Scripture Reading Rev. Michael  
I Corinthians 13:1-13

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**Sermon Rev. Michael  
"The Greatest of These is Love"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #487 ACCEPTANCE  
"Help Us Accept Each Other"**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 Vicki Quisenberry

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano  
"The Love of God"  
by Frederick M. Lehman, arr. Larry Shackley**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 are given in honor of our Afghan friends,  
whose love and service to their country and ours is greatly appreciated.***First Reading: Psalm 71:1-8**In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.3 Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.5 For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.7 I have been like a portent to many,  
but you are my strong refuge.8 My mouth is filled with your praise,  
and with your glory all day long.**Second Reading: I Corinthians 13:1-13**1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not  
have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have  
prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all  
knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but  
do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions,  
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have  
love, I gain nothing.4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or  
arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not  
irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but  
rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes  
all things, endures all things.8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an  
end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come  
to an end. 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in  
part; 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an  
end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a  
child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end  
to childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we  
will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully,  
even as I have been fully known. 13 And now faith, hope, and love  
abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.**Serving Schedule**

Liturgist: Nancy Connor

Elder at the Table: Vicki Quisenberry