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, January 16
9:00 a.m. — Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m. — Fellowship (F)
10:30 a.m. — Sunday School

Monday, January 17 — **Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed)**

Tuesday, January 18
5:30 p.m. — Board Meeting (FHL)

Wednesday, January 19
6:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship (Panera)

Thursday, January 20
2:00 p.m. — Refugee Food Pantry (F)

Friday, January 21

Announcements

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.

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.

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

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 16, 2022

January 16, 2022 Second Sunday After Epiphany

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
Sonata in Eb Major, Op. 31, No. 3, Mvt. II: Minuetto
by Ludwig van Beethoven

*Call to Worship — John Burns
One: How can we keep still this day?
All: There is joy in this place!
One: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.
All: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.
One: Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.
All: Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! AMEN.

***Hymn #91** — CORONATION
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (v. 1, 2, and 5)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer — John Burns
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading — John Burns
Psalm 29:1-7

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
"Brother James's Air"
by James Leith Macbeth Bain, arr. Mack Wilberg

Second Scripture Reading — Rev. Michael
Luke 3:15-22
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Michael
"Why Baptism?"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #284** — GATHER US IN
"Gather Us In" (v. 1, 3, and 4)

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 — Janey Burns
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Music — Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
Sonata in E Minor, BWV 1034: "Andante"
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 are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation of First Christian Church by Sue, Ken, and Meg Lawson.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Psalm 29:1-7

1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Second Reading: Luke 3:15-22

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,16 John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'
18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. 19 But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added to them all by shutting up John in prison.
21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,
22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Serving Schedule
Liturgist: John Burns
Elder at the Table: Janey Burns