

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, January 7
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
 5:00 p.m. Elders/Deacons Orientation

Monday, January 8
 9:00 a.m. Christmas Tree Take Down

Tuesday, January 9

Wednesday, January 10
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups (F)
 DWM Meeting

Thursday, January 11

Friday, January 12
 Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 13

Announcements

Elders & Deacons meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

There will NOT be a Board Meeting in the month of January. We will let you know when the next one will be held.

Christmas Tree take-down will be tomorrow from 9-11



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Second Sunday after Christmas
 January 7, 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
 "Quiet Morning"
 Samuel Maykapar

*Call to Worship Cathy Perrin
 One: The bells ring out to welcome a new year!
All: We celebrate with joy the good times past and the memories that delight.

One: The bells ring out to welcome a new year!
All: We rejoice in the support of family and in the encouragement of our friendship circle.

One: The bells ring out to welcome a new year!
All: We celebrate practical and creative achievements and all the opportunities that lie ahead.

One: The bells ring out to welcome a new year!
All: We glory in a just and loving God, whose compassion shines from the Way of Jesus.

***Hymn #464**
"God of Grace and God of Glory" (v 1,3,5)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Cathy Perrin
 (using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Cathy Perrin
 Numbers 11:24-30

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
 Solo
 Tracy McGee

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael
 I Corinthians 12:4-13
 One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
 "For the Common Good"

Ordination of New Elders and Deacons
 Installation of Church Officers

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #453**
"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
 Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "In the Bleak Midwinter"
 Gustav Holst
 arr. Philip Keveren

*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 Aloma Dew & Anne Carlisle

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music
 Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
 Timothy Matthews
 Arr. Jay Rouse

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- Numbers 11:24-30**

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' 28 And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' 29 But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' 30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Second Reading- I Corinthians 12:4-13

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.