

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, March 17
 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, March 18

Tuesday, March 19
 Lenten Luncheon 12:10 p.m.
 Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 5:30 p.m. Youth Groups (F)
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, March 21


Friday, March 22
 Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 23

Announcements

Lenten Lunch & Service is Tuesday @ 12:10 p.m.
 Next Board Meeting is on Tuesday, 3/19 @ 5:30 p.m.
 Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, 3/24 @ 10:00 a.m. Bring your own Easter basket!
 Maundy Thursday service is on 3/28 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Easter Service will be held on Sunday, 3/31 @ 9:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School or Worship & Wonder that day. Coffee and donuts will be provided after the service!



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Fifth Sunday in Lent
 March 17, 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
 "And Can It Be"
 Thomas Campbell
 Arr. Dan Forrest

*Call to Worship Eric Farmer
 One: You will be our God, and we will be your people.
All: In times of weakness, in moments of temptation, the covenant holds.

One: You will be our God, and we will be your people.
All: When the journey is rough, when friends let us down, the covenant holds.

One: You will be our God, and we will be your people.
All: In our struggle to be a faithful community, in the uncertainty of faithful endeavors, the covenant holds.

One: You will be our God, and we will be your people.
All: In our work for justice, in our response of worship, the covenant is proved. You will be our God, and we will be your people.

***Hymn #72**
"To God Be the Glory" (all)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Eric Farmer
 (using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Eric Farmer
 Mark 10: 32-34
 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

Choir Message
 "Hymn of Promise"
 -Sleeth

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Mark 10: 35-45

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
 Michael
 "Again?"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #558**
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (all)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
 Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
 Traditional English Melody
 Arr. Lloyd Larson

*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 Brian Belcher & Leslie Carlisle
 Words of Institution
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "Two Meditations on the Cross"
 Arr. Barbara Kinyon
 FCC Bell Choir, Director Connie Ford

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 10:32-34

32 They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33 saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; 34 they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

Second Reading- Mark 10:35-45

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' 36 And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' 37 And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' 38 But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' 39 They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'