

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 23
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 24

Tuesday, March 25
12:10 p.m. Lenten Devotional & Lunch

Wednesday, March 26
6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m. Youth Groups (F)
5:30 p.m. Spring Cookout
6:15 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, March 27

Friday, March 28
Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 29

Announcements

Spring Cookout this Wednesday 5:30pm! All youth, parents and others welcome!

Candy donations being accepted for Easter egg hunt- donations to Meaghan or to the office by April 13.

April 6: Grade 6-12 volunteering at St. Benedicts after worship.

April 13: Cooking class for all youth on Wednesday, 4/13- meet at Joys of Cooking at 5:20pm

Classic Mens Mass Community Choir is on April 13th at 3:00 p.m. at FCC.

Easter egg hunt for youth will be on Easter Sunday, April 20!

April 27: All Church Meal, Wednesday night, 4/30 at 5:30pm. We hope to see you there!



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Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

>Welcome

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Rev. Chris Michael

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

Traditional Scottish Melody

Arr. Larry Shackley

*Call to Worship

Colton Manley

One: Into our comfortable ways, O God,

All: breathe vigorous reflection.

One: Into our ordered ways, O God,

All: breathe lively innovation.

One: Into our worldly ways, O God,

All: breathe hints of holiness.

One: Into our self-seeking ways, O God,

All: breathe the notion of sacrifice, that we may walk the Lenten walk with Jesus, calmly, purposefully, and without fear. Amen.

*Hymn #16

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Colton Manley

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Colton Manley

Psalm 63 :1-7

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

"Forever Blest Is He"

Handel/Stanton

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 13 :1-9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

“Hard Words”

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #629

"Stand By Me" (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“They Crucified My Lord (and He Never Said a Mumblin Word)”

African American Spiritual

Arr. Larry Shackley

*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

Mike Tichenor & Sue Napper

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Thomas Williams

Arr. Larry Shackley

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- Psalm 63 :1-7

1 O God, you are my God, I seek you,

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you.

4 So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

6 when I think of you on my bed,

and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

7 for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

Second Reading- Luke 13 :1-9

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

6 Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” 8 He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

Flowers are placed in the foyer in honor of Mark and Janet Luckett's anniversary and in memory of Anjanette Luckett from their children and grandchildren