

**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 24**  
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School  
 Easter Egg Hunt!  
 Handbells



5:00 p.m.  
**Monday, March 25**

**Tuesday, March 26**

**Wednesday, March 27**  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)  
 5:30 p.m. Youth Groups (F)  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, March 28**  
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, March 29**  
 Church Office Closed

**Saturday, March 30**

**Announcements**

**Maundy Thursday service will be on Thursday, 3/28 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday service is Sunday, 3/31 @ 9:00 a.m.  
 Coffee and Donuts to follow  
 No Sunday School**



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Palm Sunday  
 March 24, 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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

John Darwall

arr. John Innes

\*Call to Worship Steve Divine

One: Jesus, God's Chosen One, is here! Encourager of the weak, opponent of evil, advocate for justice.

**All: "Hosanna!"**

One: Jesus, God's Chosen One, is here! Promised by the prophets, friend of the poor, teacher of the disciples.

**All: "All blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

One: Jesus, God's chosen One, is here! Comrade of the oppressed, sign of God's presence, freedom-bringer.

**All: "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David."**

One: Jesus, God's Chosen One, is here! Son of Joseph and Mary, peace-creator for Zacchaeus, God's Love in action.

**All: "Hosanna in highest heaven!"**

**\*Hymn #192**

**"All Glory, Laud and Honor" (all)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Steve Divine

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Steve Divine

Mark 11:1-11

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

"It is Good to Praise the Lord"

Beall/Carter

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Mark 14:3-9

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"She Has Done What She Could"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #180**

**"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (all)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Glory to His Name"

John H. Stockton

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 Doug & Brenda Hoyt

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Old Rugged Cross"

George Bennard

Arr. Mark Hayes

**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 11:1-11**

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' 6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' 11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Second Reading- Mark 14:3-9**

3 While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. 4 But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'