

**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:

Website: [www.fccowb.org](http://www.fccowb.org)  
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<b><u>This week at First Christian</u></b> <i>CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary</i>	
<b>Sunday, March 27</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>Monday, March 28</b>	
<b>Tuesday, March 29</b>	
3:00 p.m.	Primetimers Trip to Log Inn
<b>Wednesday, March 30</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday, March 31</b>	
<b>Friday, April 1</b>	

**Announcements**  
**Easter Lilies for Resurrection Sunday**  
Easter is only a few weeks away. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily this year, the cost will be \$14, often purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. You can find order forms on the table in the narthex. To place your order, please submit the form and payment in the offering basket, or call/e-mail the church office. The deadline to order is Sunday, April 10. Following the Easter service, you may take your lily home with you.

**All-Church Sunday School Class**  
During the Sundays in Lent, Rev. Chris Michael will be teaching an all-church Sunday School class based on Amy-Jill Levine's book entitled, *The Difficult Words of Jesus*. Join us as we delve into some of Jesus' most difficult teachings. The class will meet from 10:20-11:15 a.m., March 6- April 10 in the Sanctuary.

**Cinco de Mayo!- Mission Trip Fundraiser**  
Wednesday, May 4th, at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Come enjoy our Mexican cuisine and support our high school summer mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee! We would love your help purchasing the ingredients! Look for a Sign-up Genius link for food donations to be emailed mid-April.



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FIRST  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

*“Our mission is to manifest Christ’s love by empowering all to compassionate service.”*

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 27, 2022**

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

Annabelle Baur, piano

"It is Well With My Soul"

by Philip P. Bliss, arr. Dan Fox

\*Call to Worship

Libby Johnson

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away;

now we have been found and welcomed home.

One: Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

One: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: AMEN!

\*Hymn #112

HOLY GROUND

“Holy Ground” (2x)

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Libby Johnson

Luke 15:1-2, 11-20a

Dedication of Tessa Catherine McKinley and Her Parents

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

"Jesus Be the Lord of All"

by Lanny Wolfe, arr. Don Marsh

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Michael

Luke 15:11-32

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Michael

"Lost and Found"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #197

ST. CHRISTOPHER

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

by Lowell Mason, arr. Carol Tornquist

\*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

Rev. Michael

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Plainsong (13th Century), arr. Molly Ijames

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 narthex have been given to the glory of God

and in honor of Laura Michael by Rev. Chris Michael.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Luke 15:1-2, 11-20a

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

11 Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ 20 So he set off and went to his father.

Second Reading: Luke 15:20b-32

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. 25 “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ 31 Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”