

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)

Holy Week

*CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall;
 FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary*

Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt & Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
5:00 p.m.	FCC Bell Choir Rehearsal
Monday, March 30	
6:30 p.m.	OCTC Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 31	
Wednesday, April 1	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 2	
Maudy Thursday Service	7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 3	Good Friday
	Church Office Closed
Saturday, April 4	Holy Saturday

Announcements

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place shortly after our Palm Sunday Service TODAY!

There will be NO dinner, worship service, or youth group during Holy Week on Wednesday, April 1st or during Spring Break on Wednesday, April 8th. Choir rehearsal WILL take place at 6:00 p.m. both Wednesdays those weeks.

We will have Maundy Thursday Service on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday service is at 9:00 a.m. We will not have Sunday school or breakfast.

The Men's Mass Community Choir will be performing TODAY at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church (2311 W. Ninth St.), and again on April 12 at Settle Memorial United Methodist. See singers Terry Brownson or Mike Tichenor for more information.



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(Disciples of Christ)

Palm Sunday
 March 29, 2026

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael
Bringing of the LightBell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)
Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"In Thee is Gladness"
Giovanni Gastoldi
Arr. Larry Shackley

Introit Celebration Ringers Quartet
Adult & Children’s Choirs
"Open the Gates"
by Hal H. Hopson, newly edited by Katie Houts

*Call to Worship Tom Maddox

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for He is the life we long for, He is the Word who sustains us.

All: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before Him, to cushion his walk.

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, He comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

***Hymn #192**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vs. 1 & 3)

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Tom Maddox
(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading Tom Maddox

John 19:16b-22

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Blessing Rev. Chris Michael
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

Special Music Choir

"Let the Rocks Cry Out"
Lloyd Larson

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

John 19:23-30

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "It is Finished" Rev. Chris Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #191**

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (v. 1, 2, & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Celebration Ringers

"Siyahumba"
(We are marching in the light of God)
Anna Laura Paige
Traditional Zulu Melody

*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 Tom Maddox & Sue Napper

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Morton Holbrook, III, piano

"Waltz in B Minor, Op. 69, No. 2"

Frédéric Chopin

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 - John 19:16b-22

¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus,¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Second Reading - John 19:23-30

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves and for my clothing they cast lots." ²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Flowers and cake were given today in honor of Mark and Janet Lockett's 65th wedding anniversary by their kids and grandkids.