

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 3
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
 Handbells

Monday, March 4

Tuesday, March 5
 12:10 p.m. Lenten Lunch

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

Thursday, March 7
 Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, March 8
 Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 9

Announcements

There will **NOT** be any DWM meetings in the month of March. Back to normal meeting schedule in April.

Lenten Lunch and Service is Tuesday, March 5th at 12:10 p.m.

March Elders Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th @ 5:30 p.m.

Next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service on 3/24. Please bring your own baskets!

Easter Sunday is on March 31st, service at 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts to follow. There will **NOT** be Sunday School.



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Third Sunday in Lent
 March 3, 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
"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate"
W.A. Mozart
Arr. Austin North

*Call to Worship Vicki Quisenberry
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 #274**
"I Love Your Church, O God" (vs. 1,2,4,5)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Vicki Quisenberry
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Vicki Quisenberry
Mark 9:38-41
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
"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees"
Idle/Larson

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael
Mark 9:42-50
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
"Salted With Fire"

Invitation to Discipleship
***Hymn #581**
"Near to the Heart of God" (all)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD
Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"What Wondrous Love is This"
Wm. Walker's Southern Harmony
Arr. Jay Rouse

*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 Shannon Divine & Jason Roberts
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"Impromptu No. 4 in C-sharp minor"
Op. 66 (1834)
Frederic Chopin
Morton Holbrook, III

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 9:38-41

38 John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' 39 But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. 40 Whoever is not against us is for us. 41 For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.'

Second Reading- Mark 9:42-50

42 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., 47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,48where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 49 'For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'