

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 30	
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 31	
Tuesday, April 1	
12:10 p.m.	Lenten Devotional & Lunch
Wednesday, April 2	
6:30 a.m	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
6:15 p.m	Choir Practice (CR)
Thursday, April 3	
1:30 p.m.	Refugee Food Pantry
Friday, April 4	
	Church Office Closed
Saturday, April 5	

Announcements

No Youth Group or kids Sunday School this week due to Spring Break

Join us Tuesday at 12:10 p.m. for the Lenten Devotional & Lunch

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

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!



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 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

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Hans Leo Hassler

arr. Molly IJames

*Call to Worship

Janey Burns

One: God is good; God’s steadfast love lasts forever.

All: We know it, we believe it, we proclaim it!

One: God is good; God’s steadfast love lasts forever.

All: Those who thirst for new life are satisfied; those who hunger for the living Word are filled!

One: God is good; God’s steadfast love lasts forever.

All: The imprisoned ones know freedom; sinners know pardon!

One: God is good; God’s steadfast love lasts forever.

All: The powerful are humbled; the needy are raised up from their distress!

One: God is good!

All: God’s steadfast love lasts forever!

*Hymn #63

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Janey Burns

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Janey Burns

Luke 15 :11-20a

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

Shirley Sandifer, Piano &1st/3rd Quartet

"Must Jesus Bear the Cross"

with “Lonesome Valley”

arr. Martin

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 15 :20b-32

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

“While He Was Still Far Off”

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #587

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (1 & 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“What Wondrous Love is This”

William 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

Nancy Conner & Leslie Mobley

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“Blest are the Contrite Hearts”

J. Chetham’s

“A Book of Psalmody 1718"

arr. Marianne Kim

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- Luke 15 :11-20a

11 Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. 12The 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 travelled 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. 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.

Second Reading- Luke 15 :20b-32

20 So he set off and went to his father. 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.” ’