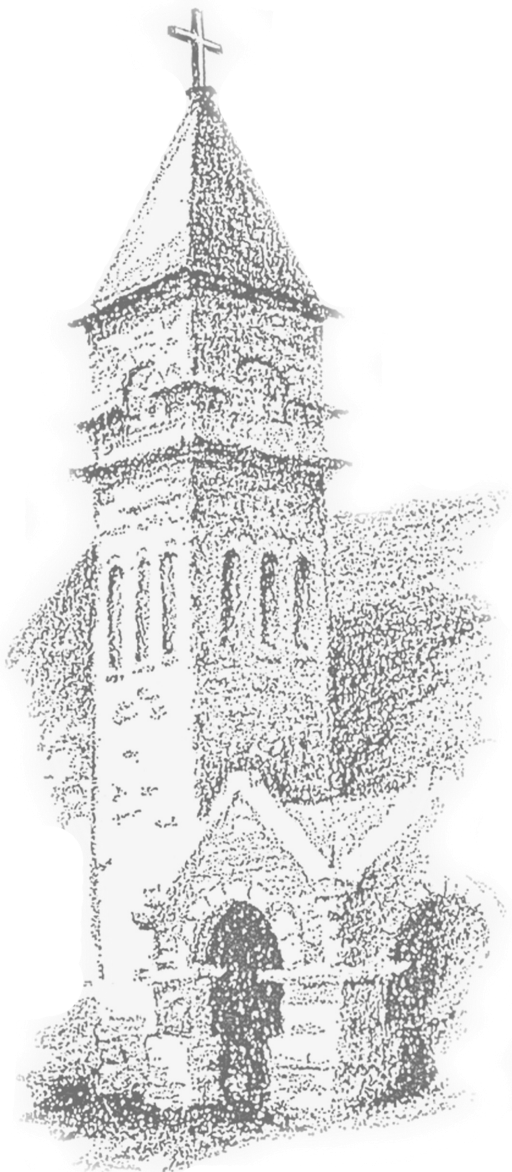


Worship



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026



10:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(* Denotes to stand, if able.)

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude *Rest* Sanctuary Singers
Ken Burton *Conductor, Andrew Alka*

Litany of Praise (the people read the **bold**) Ben Carrier

The Lord has heard your voice and the cries of your hearts.

The Lord brings us peace and healing.

Rejoice, and call upon the name of the Lord!

Praise be to you, O God, who has raised our Savior Jesus Christ.

Bring your praises and your songs to the table of the Lord.

May our hearts and spirits rejoice this day.

*Hymn #216 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*Invocation (the people read the **bold**) Ben Carrier

Let us pray. **Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find Your words burning with hope and wisdom. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #35

Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment Hayley Batterson
(see the "notes" section of the bulletin for Children's Worship information)

The Prayers of the People Dr. Stagg
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 (NT p. 90) Dr. Stagg
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Chancel Choir
Paul Manz *Conductor, Andrew Alka*
& Sanctuary Singers

Sermon *Burning Hearts* Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship Dr. Stagg

*Hymn #231 (v. 1-2) *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us*

Invitation to Stewardship Annual Stewardship Campaign
Speaker, Bryan Garton

Offertory Music Rochelle Parker & Lillian Schaefer

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table Dr. Stagg

Communion Hymn #398 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Prayer for Offerings Brenda Mosby

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer Becky Baumgartner

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Our time of communion is open to all followers of Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Pass the trays to the middle of the pew, then back to the deacon. Hold the elements in the cups for unison partaking at the minister's invitation. **Gluten free** communion elements can be found in the Narthex. All communion elements are **non-alcoholic**.*

Receiving the Bread and Cup Dr. Stagg

Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction Dr. Stagg

*Recessional #231 (v. 3) *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us*

**Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from ev'ry fear.
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,
if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.**

Postlude Rochelle Parker

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Mary Ann Atteberry; Tom Hughey; Bryan Garton

A longer prayer list of ongoing requests is on the yellow sheets in the narthex. Requests for prayer may be submitted via the yellow cards in the narthex, e-mailed or called into the church office.

The Chancel Flowers for this morning are given by **Holly & Dan Gieseke** in honor of their Grandgirls, Zoe & Ella.

Our Mission: *To know God and follow Jesus Christ*

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Tracy Fuemmeler

Welcome Station: Meg & Cliff Judy

Flower Ministry: Jessica & Steve Humble

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Edie Pigg

Communion Prep: Sarah Storm & Eric Seaman

Greeters: Steve Humble (N. Door), Jessica Humble (S. Door),
Doug Smith (Atrium), Cindy Smith (Portico)

AV Team: Noah Stagg

Liturgist: Jessica Humble

Deacon Team: The Underwood Team

Elders: Brenda Mosby, Becky Baumgartner, Sarah Storm (Balcony)

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble

Offering Counters: Jerry Miller and Janelle Patterson

Breakfast for Our Brethren

Serving Saturdays in May

Donate Food or Sign Up
to Volunteer Online

<https://bit.ly/maybfast>



*Currently looking for breakfast bars, canned fruit, and
boxes of cereal!*

Philippians 1:3-18a

Have you ever borrowed something from a friend that was of significant value? While it was in your custody, did you seek to protect and look after it in such a way as to return it to the owner in the same condition in which you received it. Were you grateful to be able to use it, even though you knew your possession of it was only temporary?

In a sense, we are in possession of a great treasure that is not fully ours and our custody of it is only temporary. The faith we have been given comes to us from someone else, a legacy of sharing the story of God from generation to generation. It is ours for a while to nurture, to grow, and to allow ourselves to be shaped by its influences. Then, we pass it on, to live in the future, as our own story becomes a part of the past.

The great hope, of course, is that the telling of the story and the living in its truth makes us a bit better and makes the world a bit better as well. It is all a work in progress. Someday, it will be fulfilled, and world will be as God has always imagined it would be. Paul is confident that the work of faith, begun in the Philippians, would at some point be perfected – completed. It is the tether to which his hope is anchored. While circumstances may seem to deny it, he does not despair about its ultimate fulfillment. God is faithful.

We live in the time of “not yet” as it relates to the full coming of God’s Realm so that it might be “on earth as it is in heaven”. We see evidence of the presence of God all around us and even within us. But the fullness of its power is still to come, and so we labor on, waiting with expectation that we, or perhaps those who come after us, will experience the fullness of its realization.

In our lives, we are called to invest our time, talent and treasure in the things that point toward what we hold as our deepest hope, with a belief that we do not do so in vain.



Philippians 1:3-18a

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,^[b] that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard^[c] and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁵It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice...

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, April 19

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Strategic Planning Leaders Retreat, 12:30-4pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Combined Chi-Rho & CYF, 5pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 21

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, April 22

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Stewardship & Finance Meeting, 5:30pm, Morris Parlor

Thursday, April 23

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

Sunday, April 26

Deadline for CWF Silent Bazaar Donations

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Combined Chi-Rho & CYF, 5pm, YFH

CWF Silent Bazaar—Sunday, April 26

The Christian Women’s Fellowship Board is planning for the 2026-2027 budget and invite everyone to participate in the annual Silent Bazaar— “silent” because we are not asking anyone to make, buy or sell anything - **how easy is that!** We are just asking for your monetary donations. We are hoping to raise \$2,000 to contribute to the 2026-2027 budget. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church with a notation of CWF on the memo line, and if cash, place in an envelope marked “CWF Silent Bazaar”. Return all donations to the church office or place them in the offering plate by Sunday, April 26. Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

RSVP Today! High Tea & Trivia—Sunday, May 3

The Fellowship Department’s annual High Tea & Trivia is set for Sunday, May 3 at 4:00 p.m.! Please RSVP to the Church Office using the QR code so the Fellowship Department can get a headcount for food.



WELCOME

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are with us. Please take a moment to visit our website, firstchristian.org to find out more about the ministry and mission of First Christian Church. Feel free to say hello to a host at the *Welcome Station* in the Narthex following worship and receive a folder of church-related information.

During Worship: Afghans, large print hymnals and children's bulletins with crayons are available from a greeter or are found on the shelf in the narthex. Hearing devices are available in the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Please talk to the AV Team if you need assistance.

Children: A nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten-aged children. Our nursery is staffed by Mother's Day Out teachers from 8:15am until pickup following the service.

Children's Worship: Following the Children's Moment in 10:30 worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to go with leaders to the 3rd floor of the Education Bldg. for their own worship time followed by constructive craft, reading and play time. Parents need to pick up children from the 3rd floor following worship.

Christian Education: Christian Education for all ages is held during the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings from Labor Day—early May. Children (grades K-5) and youth (grades 6-12) meet on the third floor of the Education Building. Adults meet in the Cinema on the third floor of the Education Building.

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