



# the VISITOR

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OUR MISSION  
**To know God and  
follow Jesus Christ.**

## Happening Soon

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

*No Youth Group, Burns Night Rest Day!*

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Brad's Office
- Stewardship & Finance Dept Meeting, 5:30pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- Parent's Night Out, 6pm, D Rowe's

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

*No Youth Group, CPS Spring Break*

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee



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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### MARCH 15TH

*"The People We Encounter  
on Our Way to the Cross:  
The Blind"*

JOHN 9:1-41

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

## 2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM:

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

-OR-

AT-HOME, ONLINE: Tune in to our  
livestream on Sunday mornings on YouTube,  
or watch the recording of the live service—  
available on Monday via email/YouTube  
channel/FCC Facebook page.

*"First Christian Church  
(Columbia, Missouri)"*

## Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh

*Tomorrow Night! Burns Night Supper,  
Saturday, March 14*

The time has come again, our Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh fundraiser is tomorrow night! This event is a huge opportunity for the youth to showcase their hard work and for FCC to share our rich community with the wider Columbia area. The fundraiser will be held this Saturday, March 14, from 5:45 - 10:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are still available for the event. Individual admission is \$40.00, but two tickets are discounted for \$70.00. Tickets for the dance (ceilidh) only are also available for \$20.00. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.



## Save the Date! Parent's Night Out

*Parent's Night Out at D. Rowe's Restaurant on Saturday, March 21 from 6-8 p.m.*

Calling all parents and young adults of FCC - you are invited to the first Parent's Night Out of 2026! All younger adults of the church are invited to join us for a dinner out in Columbia for an evening of food and fellowship. This month's PNO is scheduled for March 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (childcare drop off at 5:45 p.m.) at D. Rowe's Restaurant & Bar (1005 Club Village Dr).

Parents who would like to join but need childcare, please RSVP ahead of time to **Topher Endress** ([topher@firstchristian.org](mailto:topher@firstchristian.org)) so we can arrange childcare ahead of time.



## Easter Egg Hunt

*Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 29 at Noon*

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, March 29 immediately following the second service at noon. Colorful, candy-filled eggs will be hidden around the church for our young friends to find. We are now collecting candy and stickers to fill eggs with—if you'd like to donate, please drop your donations off in the bin outside of the church office by Sunday, March 22. Please, no loose, unpackaged candy or candy with nuts!



# News of the People & Places

Welcome to the World...

• **Harrison Bennett Hunsaker** arrived on Wednesday, March 4 to parents **Laura & Ryan Hunsaker**, grandparents **Pam & Mark Hunsaker**, and aunt **Heather Hunsaker**. Mom and baby are both doing well!

### Prayers of Health & Healing...

• **Sherry Kaye Dobbs** was admitted to University Hospital on Thursday, March 5 for a major cardiac event and is currently in the cardiac ICU.

• **Billie Silvey** went home from the hospital on Tuesday, March 3 after being treated for an infection.

• **Melba Leal**, sister of Trish Stagg, is scheduled to have a serious spinal surgery on Wednesday, March 11 in Houston, Tx.



### Birthdays

**March 16** - Jordan Barnes

**March 18** - Wilson Endress, Kathy Richardson

**March 19** - Katie Carrier

**March 20** - Gage Smith

**March 21** - Beckett Karr, Russ Palmer,  
Ken Pigg, Wolf Schaefer

### Anniversaries

**March 18** - Ken & Edie Pigg (54 years!)

## Upcoming March

### Administrative Meetings

Mark Your Calendars! Meetings This Month

There are several administrative meetings coming up this month to note on your calendars. The Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Morris Parlor. The Stewardship & Finance Department will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Morris Parlor. Finally, we'll have our annual Congregational Meeting to approve the nomination slate for 2026 on Sunday, March 29 immediately following both services. Please mark your calendars accordingly!



## Volunteers Needed! Spring

### Church Workday

The arrival of spring rains signals that it is time to give the Church's exterior grounds their annual shape up in preparation for the coming growing season as well as Easter Sunday! Join us on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. until noon (or any portion thereof) to clean up, spruce up and shape up after a very tough winter! **Mary Daugherty & Peggy Veatch** will again lead our efforts, and **Fred Mottaz** will offer his truck & trailer to haul mulch! **Volunteers are asked to bring their own gardening tools, gloves, hats, sunscreen and drinking water.** At least two or three wheelbarrows, mulch forks and/or shovels will also be needed. **If you can join us on Saturday, March 28, please call or text Mike Randerson at 573-424-4858.** Hope to see you there! Our weather makeup day will be Saturday, April 4, same time.



Mike Randerson

### Youth Group Schedule



Join this Sunday!

Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh • March 14

No Youth Group • March 15

No Youth Group • March 22

Easter Egg Hunt • 12-2pm • March 29

### Baptism Class

**No Baptism Class on Saturday, March 28;**

**One-on-Ones with Rev. Topher Available**

The baptism class rescheduled for March 28 has been cancelled due to schedule conflicts for our youth because of CPS Spring Break. Alternatively, Rev. Topher is offering one-on-one meetings with youth to talk about baptism and membership in the church. He has already met with a few FCC youth this week. He is happy to meet with anyone else interested in Easter baptisms throughout the month. Call or email him directly to set up a time to meet if you have anyone interested in baptism this year!



### New Bell Choir Time

Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting on the 3rd Floor



# Palm Sunday

## Palm Sunday

**Palm Sunday Worship & Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29**

Palm Sunday will fall this year on Sunday, March 29. There will be no ecumenical palm parade downtown this year, but we will have our own FCC Palm Parade at 10:15 a.m. Palm parade participants will depart from the bell tower at 10:15 a.m. to circle the building in a palm procession. Those who join the palm parade will then process down the center aisle at the beginning of 10:30 worship to initiate the beginning of Palm Sunday worship. We'll end the morning with our annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship at noon!

# Maundy Thursday

## Maundy Thursday

**Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 2**

Join us for this year's Maundy Thursday service, a service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae. This year's Maundy Thursday service will fall on Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Childcare will be available in the second floor nursery. This service will be livestreamed and the link will be distributed the following day for those who cannot make it in person.

# Easter Sunday

## Easter Sunday

**Easter Worship on Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

Easter Sunday falls on April 5 this year. We will have two worship services on Easter morning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with music from the Tise Brass Quartet. There will be no coffee hour, Sunday School, or youth groups that Sunday. The Coffman-Watson CWF Group will host their annual brunch for musicians and pastors in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Those who purchased Easter lilies may take their lily home following worship on Easter morning.

# Easter Lily



## Order Form

Easter lilies will be ordered through the church's Flower Ministry. If you would like to furnish a lily for Easter Sunday, fill out the form and return it to the church office with \$8.00 for each lily no later than Monday, March 30.

Total Easter Lilies given # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 each

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

AND/OR

In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the following name or family as the donor:

\_\_\_\_\_



## CWF Silent Bazaar

**Deadline for Donations Sunday, April 26**

Spring is here and at this time, the Christian Women's Fellowship Board begins planning for the 2026-2027 budget. We begin with what we call a Silent Bazaar. **"Silent" because we are not asking anyone to make, buy or sell anything - how easy is that! Just this letter asking for your monetary donations.** We are hoping to raise \$2,000 to contribute to the 2026-2027 budget. Please give prayerful thought and consideration when giving your donation so we can join together in fulfilling the mission of our Church and in honoring Christian Women's Fellowship! 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 26th** so we can complete the 2026-2027 budget.



Janelle Patterson, CWF President



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## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister  
[brad@firstchristian.org](mailto:brad@firstchristian.org)

Rev. Dr. Topher Endress, Associate Minister  
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### Music Staff

Topher Otake, Director of Music Ministry  
[totake@firstchristian.org](mailto:totake@firstchristian.org)

Dr. Rochelle Parker, Organist  
Travis McFarlane, Early Service Musician  
Madi Myers, Bell Choir Director

### Mother's Day Out Pre-School

Hayley Batterson, Director  
Sam Dunnings, Assistant Director

### Columbia Older Adult Ministry

Rev. Sally Robinson, Director

### Support Staff

[fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org)  
Maria Clark, Weekend Custodian  
Justin DeWick, Business Manager  
Erin Perry, Office Manager

## Worship Serving Schedule

*Sunday, March 15, 2026*

**OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:** Debbie Potthast

**WELCOME STATION:** Meg & Cliff Judy

**FLOWER MINISTRY:** Cherry Hinderberger

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Carla Tanzey

**EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:**

Cherry Hinderberger & Eric Seaman

**COMMUNION PREP:**

Barbara, Tiger, & Aleena Li

**GREETERS:** Trish Stagg (N. DOOR), Susan Gray (S. DOOR), Susan Ramsey (ATRIUM), Gerald Ramsey (PORTICO)

**AV TEAM:** Cliff Judy

**LITURGIST:** Steve Humble

**8:30 ELDER:** Steve Smith

**10:30 ELDERS:** Dan Gieseke, Eric Arnett,  
Sarah Storm (Balcony)

**DEACONS:** The Underwood Team

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Hayley Batterson

**OFFERING COUNTERS:**

Janelle Patterson and Cindy/Doug Smith