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

Happening Soon

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23—FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Mother's Day Out Not In Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Drennan Meeting, 1pm, Lenoir Woods
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- Spring Church Work Day, 9am-12pm

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Congregational Meeting (Nomination Slate), 9:30 & 11:45am, Sanctuary
- 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
- Palm Parade, 9:45am, Bell Tower
- Easter Egg Hunt, 12:30pm, YFH



A congregation related to
The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
www.disciples.org

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22ND

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

JOHN 11:1-45

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)"*

This Saturday! 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) 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!

Welcome, New Members!

Welcoming Rebecca Bailey and Barry & Linda Stuart

We were overjoyed to have three new members join our community on Sunday, March 8! **Rebecca Bailey** and **Barry & Linda Stuart** all transferred their membership to FCC after being visitors at FCC over a period of several months. **Rebecca** transferred her membership from Battle Creek Church in Tulsa, Ok. Rebecca is the sister of **Carrie Batterson**, and we are so grateful she's also chosen to join us! **Barry & Linda** transferred their membership from Broadway Christian Church in Columbia, Mo. Please offer all three of our new members an official "welcome" the next time you see them!





News of the People & Places

Prayers of Health & Healing...

- **Mary Ann Atteberry** fell last week and broke two ribs. She hopes to be discharged from Boone Hospital early this week.
- **Sherry Kaye Dobbs** was transferred last week to Columbia Post Acute.
- **Dana Heavin** has finally returned home from Southampton Place!
- **Melba Leal**, sister of Trish Stagg, had a successful spinal surgery on Monday, March 16 (originally scheduled for the previous Wednesday).
- **Annie Stagg** had her wisdom teeth successfully removed on Monday, March 16!
- **Trish Stagg's** cousin's grandson Carter (12 years old) has cancer that has returned and they are navigating next steps for treatment.

Office Updates...

- **Justin DeWick** will be on vacation from Wednesday, March 25 - Monday, March 30. He will return to the office on Tuesday, March 31. Any questions in the meantime should be directed to **Erin Perry** at fcc@firstchristian.org.



Birthdays

- **March 23** - Mary Rogers
- **March 24** - Carrie Batterson, Jonathan LaHue, Kirsten Leach, **Helen Stemmons (95!)**
- **March 25** - Natalie Barnard
- **March 26** - Libby Weber
- **March 27** - Rosalie Gilbert, Kira Hoenes
- **March 28** - Monica Palmer
- **March 29** - Bradley Snyder

Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 29

Our annual march Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 29 immediately following both services. This meeting is held annually to approve the nomination slate for the upcoming church year, which is a result of the hard and dedicated work of the Nominating Committee! Please join us on Sunday, March 29 to vote on the nomination slate for 2026-27. A copy of the slate will be included in next week's newsletter.



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

Schiffman Lecture in Religious Studies

Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon to offer lecture on Tuesday, April 7

This year's Schiffman Lecture in Religious Studies will be offered by Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Columbia, titled "Progressive Faith & The Public Square." The Schiffman Lecture is held in the Dorsey Gym at Columbia College and will be on Tuesday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m.



Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!



- No Youth Group • March 22
- Easter Egg Hunt • 12-2pm • March 29
- No Youth Group (Easter) • April 5
- Chi-Rho • 4pm • CYF • 5pm • April 12

Palm Sunday

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

Palm Sunday will fall this year on Sunday, March 29. **Time Change!** We will have our own FCC Palm Parade at 9:45 a.m., not 10:15 as previously published. Palm parade participants will depart from the bell tower at 9:45 a.m. to circle the building in a palm procession. Those who would like to process during worship but not around the building should gather in the Narthex at 10:20 a.m. to 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

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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

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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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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, March 22, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Don Mosby

WELCOME STATION: Susan Gray

FLOWER MINISTRY: Jess & Steve Humble

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The Fuemmeler's

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:

Mark Goodwin & Kathy Ramser

COMMUNION PREP: Debbie & Bryan Garton

GREETERS: Tracy Fuemmeler (N. DOOR),
Chris Fuemmeler (S. DOOR), Cindy Rose
(ATRIUM), Janelle Patterson (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Chris Fuemmeler

LITURGIST: Dan Gieseke

8:30 ELDER: Stacia Schaefer

10:30 ELDERS: Ryan Hunsaker, Dan
Backues, Fred Mottaz (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Hunsaker Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Jessica Humble

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Sarah Storm and Jean Juba