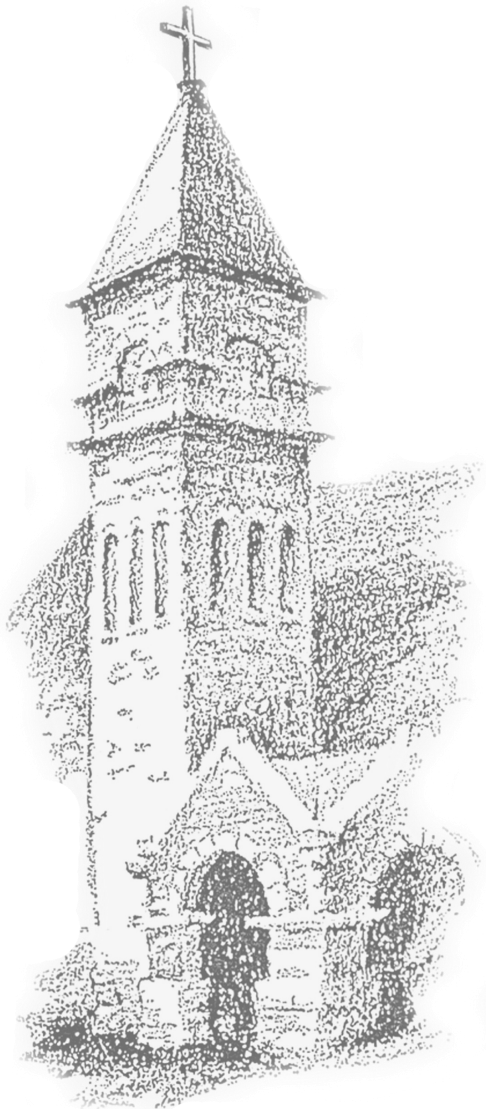


# Worship



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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 29, 2023**



**10:30 A.M.**

# Gathering in Praise

(\*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

*Jesu Meines Lebens Leben*  
*(Jesus My Life of the Living)*

J.S. Bach

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

Paige Freed

God said, "Let there be light."

**And there was light.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**And the light shone in the darkness.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

**And the light shall not be quenched.**

\*Hymn #284

*Gather Us In*

\*Invocation (the people read the **bold**)

Paige Freed

Let us pray. **God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as a blessing. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri # 35

## Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. Topher Endress

(see the "notes" section of the bulletin for Children's Worship information)

The Prayers of the People

Dr. Endress

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture: Matthew 4:23 - 5:12 (NT p. 4)

Dr. Stagg

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

*All Nature's Works His Praise Declare*  
From "Ellacombe"

arr. Eugene Butler

Chancel Choir, directed by Topher Otake

Sermon

*The Beatitudes*

Dr. Stagg

## Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship	Dr. Stagg
*Hymn #677	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i>
Invitation to Stewardship	Dr. Endress
Offertory Music	Dr. Rochelle Parker
*The Doxology #46	
Invitation to the Table	Dr. Stagg
Communion Hymn #409	<i>I Hunger and I Thirst</i>
Prayer for Offerings	Mark Mills
Words of Institution	
Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer	Brenda Mosby

**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 and Pre-Packaged** Communion can be found in the Narthex.*

Receiving the Bread and Cup

## Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction	Dr. Stagg
*Recessional #452 (v. 2)	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

Postlude	<i>Praise to the Lord Almighty/</i> arr. Kenneth Varner <i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
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## Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing:** Audrey Shock; The Tompson Family; Ruth Ann McAtee; Becky Baumgartner; Carter Kinkead; Janet Mills; Hartley Rogers

**Sympathy: Cliff Tompson** passed away on Sunday, January 22nd. He was 93 years old. There will be a memorial service for Cliff at First Christian Church on Saturday, February 4th at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following in Yonker Fellowship Hall. Please keep Cliff's wife, Mary, his children and grandchildren in your prayers during this time of loss and grief.

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** are given by **Sally Robinson** in memory of her dad, Buddy Robinson.

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

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### Serving Today

**Office Receptionist:** Carole Randerson

**Welcome Station:** Amy Marrero

**Flower Arranging/Delivery:** Gerald & Susan Ramsey

**Communion Prep:** Chuck & Emily Scott

**Greeters:** Cindy Smith (N. Door), Doug Smith (S. Door), Janelle Patterson (Atrium), MaryAnn Atteberry (Portico)

**AV Team:** Sam Pine & Dan Backues

**Liturgist:** Paige Freed

**Deacon Team:** The Underwood Team

**Elders:** Mark Mills, Brenda Mosby, Fred Mottaz (Balcony)

**Children's Worship:** Holly Gieseke

**Offering Counters:** Jean Juba and Deb Batterson

# This Week in the Life of the Church

*\*YFH refers to Yonker Fellowship Hall*

## **Sunday, January 29**

- Worship, 8:30am
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Adult Education Class, 9:30am, Morris Parlor
- Worship, 10:30am
- JYF & Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

## **Monday, January 30**

- Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Zoom

## **Tuesday, January 31**

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:15pm, 3rd Floor

## **Wednesday, February 1**

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Stewardship & Finance Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

## **Saturday, February 4**

- Cliff Thompson Memorial Service, 11:00am, Sanctuary
- Cliff Thompson Reception, 12:00pm, YFH

## **Sunday, February 5**

- Worship, 8:30am
  - Christian Education Classes, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
  - Adult Education Class, 9:30am, Morris Parlor
  - Worship, 10:30am
  - CYF, 5pm, YFH
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## **2023 Nomination Forms Due This Monday!**

It's your last chance to nominate someone to lead as an Elder or Deacon, or lift up someone for a special recognition award! **All Nomination Forms are due this Monday, January 30 to the Church Office or to any member of the Nominating Committee.** You can find nomination forms on the table in the Narthex or in the Church Office.

## **Save the Date—Ash Wednesday Service**

*Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary*



Join us for an evening Ash Wednesday service as we enter into the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday worship begins this season with a service of hymns, prayers, meditation, and the imposition of ashes.

# WELCOME

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are with us. Please take a moment to visit our website, [firstchristian.org](http://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 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 in the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings. Children (grades K-5) and youth (grades 6-12) will meet on the third floor of the Education Building. Adults meet in the Keystone Room on the second floor of the Education Building.



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Dr. Rochelle Parker, Organist

Maria Clark, Weekend Custodian

Erin Perry, Office Manager