

# Worship



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**MARCH 1, 2026**



**10:30 A.M.**

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## Gathering in Praise

(\*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

*He Was Despised*

Rochelle Parker

George F. Handel

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

Cliff Judy

Holy Spirit, invisible like the wind, we do not see You moving among us, but the effect we see—

**Come to our hearts: that we may be renewed and reborn.**

Open our minds:

**That we may perceive Your kingdom.**

Lift up our eyes to see where the cross of Christ stands for our healing:

**So may we believe, and in believing not die but have eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Hymn #73

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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

Cliff Judy

Let us pray. **Gracious Lord, we come like Nicodemus with questions on our hearts. We seek answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even You. Grant us openness to Your Spirit that we may be better servants of Your Word, Will, and Way. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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. Stagg

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture: John 3:1-17 (NT p. 93-94)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

*Yes, My Jesus Loves Me*

Chancel Choir

by Mary McDonald

Sermon

*The People We Encounter On  
Our Way to The Cross: The Seeker*

Dr. Stagg

## Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #517

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Endress

Offertory Music

Rochelle Parker

\*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Endress

Communion Hymn #254

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Prayer for Offerings

Jennifer Alexander

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer

Jacki Davidson

**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. Endress

## Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction

Dr. Stagg

\*Recessional #439 (v. 1)

*God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**God, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

Postlude

*Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs*  
George F. Handel

Rochelle Parker

## Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing:** Dana Heavin; Elizabeth Hensley; Billie Silvey

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 **Edie Pigg** in honor of Ken & Logan Pigg's birthdays, and Ken & Edie Pigg's 54th wedding anniversary on March 18.

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

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### Serving Today

**Office Receptionist:** Carla Tanzey

**Welcome Station:** Steve Humble

**Flower Ministry:** Dave & Debbie Potthast

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:** Scott & Shannon Schaefer

**Communion Prep:** Paula & C.K. Hoenes

**Greeters:** Doug Smith (N. Door), Cindy Smith (S. Door),  
Peggy Veatch (Atrium), Larry Veatch (Portico)

**AV Team:** Dan Gieseke

**Liturgist:** Cliff Judy

**Deacon Team:** The Potthast Team

**Elders:** Jennifer Alexander, Jacki Davidson, Ryan Hunsaker (Balcony)

**Children's Worship:** Jessica Humble

**Offering Counters:** Sarah Storm and Jean Juba



# This Week in the Life of the Church

## Sunday, March 1

- 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, Higbee Center
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

## Monday, March 2

- Energy Bus Work Day, 9am - 12pm, Morris Parlor

## Tuesday, March 3

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

## Wednesday, March 4

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Coffman-Watson Meeting, 2pm, Susan Gray's House
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor
- Special Administrative Board Meeting, 7pm, Morris Parlor

## Sunday, March 8

- 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, Higbee Center
- Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

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## **Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh—Saturday, March 14**

The rescheduled date for Burns Night is fast approaching! Save the date for March 14 for this dinner and dance youth mission trip fundraiser. There are volunteer sign up sheets in the Narthex for night-of and/or for cooking on March 12 and 13. Get your tickets now for this supper and dance by scanning the QR code or by signing up in the office.



## **Easter Egg Hunt Candy & Stickers—Sunday, March 22**

Can you believe Easter is just about a month away? We are officially collecting candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt starting next Sunday, March 8. There will be a bin outside of the Church Office for anyone who'd like to drop off candy, stickers, or other fun prizes for us to hide in Easter Eggs. Please, no nuts or unwrapped candy!

# 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 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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