

Worship



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MARCH 1, 2026



8:30 A.M.

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Gathering in Praise

(* Denotes to stand, if able.)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Travis McFarlane

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

Dr. Stagg

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.**

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.**

*Hymn #73

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Proclaiming the Word

The Prayers of the People and the Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Stagg

Special Music

In Times Like These

Travis McFarlane

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

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

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

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Stagg

*Hymn #517

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Music

Travis McFarlane

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Stagg

Words of Institution

Elder's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kurt Schaefer

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

*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

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Travis McFarlane

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.

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Carla Tanzey

Welcome Station: Steve Humble

Flower Ministry: Dave & Debbie Potthast

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Scott & Shannon Schaefer

Early Service Helpers: Stacia Schaefer & Mary Daugherty

Elder: Kurt Schaefer

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm & 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

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 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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