

Worship



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MARCH 15, 2026



8:30 A.M.

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Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Travis McFarlane

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

Dr. Stagg

We are blind to many things.

Lord, cure our blindness.

The light of God shines for us today.

Lord, pour that light on us.

Come, worship God who forgives and heals your blindness.

Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you.

Let us pray. **God of great mercy and love, Source of all light, we come to You this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in Your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to Your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

*Hymn #5

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Proclaiming the Word

The Prayers of the People and the Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Stagg

Special Music

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Travis McFarlane

Scripture: John 9:1-41 (NT p. 102-103)

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 Blind*

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Stagg

*Hymn #595

Be Thou My Vision

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

Steve Smith

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 #546 (v. 1)

Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

Postlude

Brighten The Corner Where You Are

Travis McFarlane



Holy Week at First Christian Church



Sunday, March 29 | 9:45 a.m. | Meet in the Bell Tower

FCC's outdoor palm parade commences at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 29. Participants will depart from the bell tower and march with palms around the church block. Those who don't want to process around the building but would like to process with palms into worship should gather in the Narthex by 10:25 to line up and receive a palm. In lieu of the Ecumenical Palm Parade, a Good Friday gathering will be held on Friday, April 3 at noon on the lawn of First Baptist Church.

- ➡ **9:45** FCC Outdoor Palm Processional (meet at the bell tower)
- ➡ **10:25** Palm Processional joins 10:30 worship



Sunday, March 29 | 12:30 p.m. | Meet in the Fellowship Hall

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for Sunday, March 29 following worship at 12:30 p.m.! All FCC youth and friends are invited to join us in a church-wide easter egg hunt. Eggs will be hidden around the building for all to find! Bring a basket for eggs and good shoes for hunting. For those interested in supporting this year's egg hunt, we are collecting candy and sticker donations in the bin outside of the Church Office. All candy donations should be dropped off by Sunday, March 22.

Maundy Thursday



Thursday, April 2 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

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



Sunday, April 5 | 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Easter Sunday falls on Sunday, 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 Sunday School, Children's Worship, or youth groups that Sunday. Join us during Holy Week as we closely follow Christ's journey to the cross and resurrection.



**THIS
DAY:
WHEN LOVE
ANSWERS**

"Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: 'I saw the Master!' And she told them everything he said to her."
(John 20:18)

The Easter Offering supports the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Received Sunday, March 29 and April 5 or two alternative Sundays in your congregation.

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Dana Heavin; Rochelle Parker; Sherry Kay Dobbs; Trish Stagg; Annie Stagg

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 **Chris & Tracy Fuemmeler** in memory of Andrew Wright.

The Yellow Rose on the organ is in honor of **Edie & Ken Pigg's** 54th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, March 18!

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Debbie Potthast

Welcome Station: Meg & Cliff Judy

Flower Ministry: Cherry Hinderberger

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Carla Tanzey

Early Service Helpers: Cherry Hinderberger & Eric Seaman

Elder: Steve Smith

Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Cindy & Doug Smith



Annual March Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 29

Immediately Following Both Worship Services

Voting to Approve the 2026-27

Nominating Committee Slate

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, March 15

- 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
- Strategic Planning Department Meeting, 6pm, Morris Parlor

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, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Stewardship & Finance Department Meeting, 5:30pm, Morris Parlor

Thursday, March 19

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

No Youth Group (CPS Spring Break)

- 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

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!

Spring Outdoor Work Day - Saturday, March 28

Join us on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. until noon to clean up, spruce up and shape up the church landscaping! **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.

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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