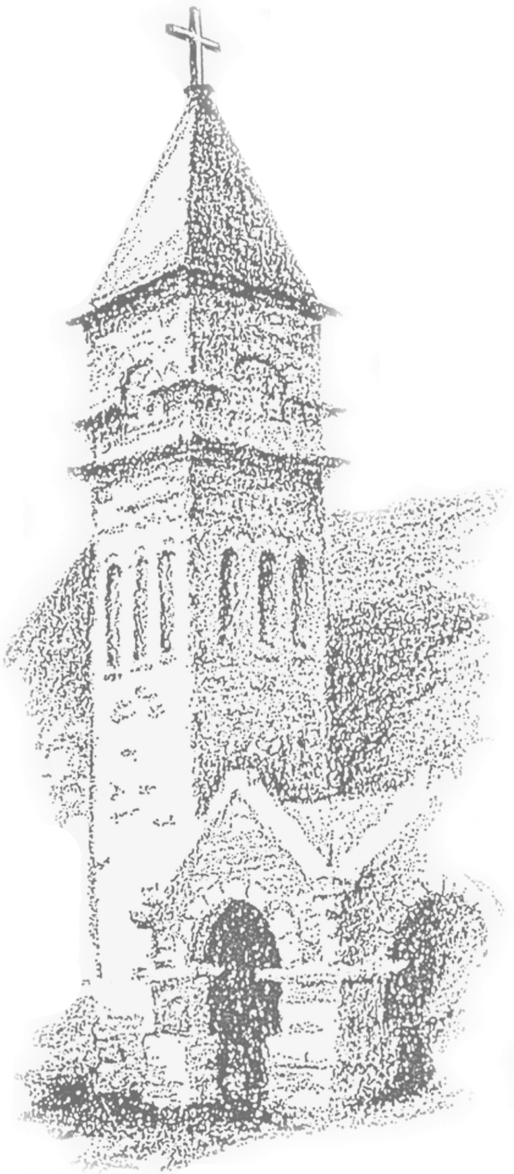


Worship



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026



8:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(* Denotes to stand, if able.)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Topher Endress

Prelude

Fight The Good Fight
Lani Smith

Travis McFarlane

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

Dr. Endress

God has made the whole world and everything in it

Let us rejoice in the diversity God has made!

Let us search for God, seeking the Divine

God is never far from us

We are God's offspring, promised new life

We are risen, just as Christ has risen!

Let us pray. **O God beyond our wildest imagination, let your Spirit fall upon us. You offer to us your presence through many times and many people, giving us foundations on which to build our faith. Help us to see you at work around us, even in unexpected places, that we might know your glory more completely. Equip us to share you widely, speaking with boldness of our faith and with humility for what we cannot know. Amen.**

*Hymn #61

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Proclaiming the Word

The Prayers of the People and the Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Endress

Special Music

This Bread, This Cup
Franklin Ritter

Travis McFarlane

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31 (NT p. 137-138)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Naming the Unnamed

Dr. Endress

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Endress

*Hymn #66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Endress

Offertory Music

Travis McFarlane

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Endress

Words of Institution

Elder's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Stacia 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. Endress

Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction

*Recessional #461 (v. 4)

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

Postlude

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
R.W. Thygerson

Travis McFarlane

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: The Hughey Family; 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 **Lynn Klotz** in memory of **Sharon Winner** on her birthday, May 10.

The **yellow rose** on the organ is in celebration of **Brenda & Don Mosby's** 63rd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, May 12!

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson

Welcome Station: Valerie Freed

Flower Ministry: Dave & Debbie Potthast

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Carla Tanzey

Early Service Helpers: Mark Goodwin & Kathy Ramser

Elder: Stacia Schaefer

Offering Counters: Jerry Miller and Cindy & Doug Smith



This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- 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, YFH
- End of Year Youth Group Party, 6pm, Endress House (3405 Bray Ave)



Tuesday, May 12

- Bible Study with Dr. Endress, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, May 13

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Ladies' Book Club, 11:30am, Linda Hutton's House (2252 Country Ln)
- Bible Study with Dr. Endress, 12pm, **Virtual Only!**
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

Thursday, May 14

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

Saturday, May 16

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, Room at the Inn (1509 Ashley St)
- Visitation for Tom Hughey, 12:30-2pm
- Memorial Service for Tom Hughey, 2pm

Sunday, May 17

Graduation Sunday

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library

Breakfast for Our Brethren—Saturdays in May

First Christian Church serves breakfast each Saturday morning in May to folks who stay at Room at the Inn. Those who volunteer help cook, serve, and/or clean up from 7-9:30 a.m. (or any time between)! We are looking for volunteers and food donations - sign up using the QR code or the binder in the Narthex. Feel free to reach out to **Debbie Potthast** (dapotthast@gmail.com) or **Erin** in the Church Office if you have any questions about serving or donating. Thank you for making this ministry possible!



Summer Worship Schedule—Beginning May 24

The return to our "summer worship schedule" is drawing near. Today marks the end of adult, youth, and children's Sunday School, as well as youth groups (who will celebrate tonight at the end of year party at The Endress House). We will begin meeting for one worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Memorial Day Sunday, May 24, through Labor Day Sunday, September 6. Coffee Hour will be held from 9—9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings from Memorial Day Sunday — Labor Day Sunday.

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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