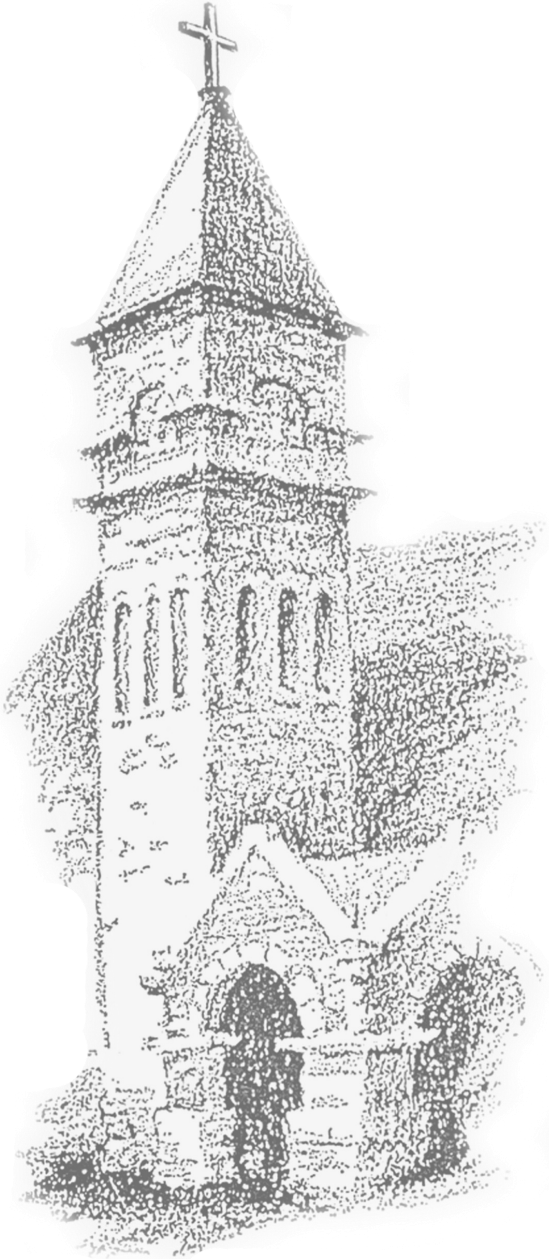


# Worship



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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**MAY 31, 2026**



**9:30 A.M.**

## Gathering in Praise

(\* Denotes to stand, if able.)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

*In the Garden*

Travis McFarlane

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

Dan Gieseke

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus Christ.

**Let us go therefore and make disciples of all nations.**

Let us baptize the nations;

**Let us baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Let us obey all that Christ has commanded.

**Let us teach all that Christ has commanded.**

Remember, Christ is with us always;

**Christ is with us to the end of the age.**

\*Hymn #100

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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

Dan Gieseke

Let us pray. **Jesus, our Savior, in response to Your call to be Your faithful disciples, we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Open our lives and teach us how to follow Your great commission to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach them Your ways. Let us know the full blessings of our God - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. 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 28:16-20 (NT p. 34)

Dr. Stagg

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*How Great Thou Art*

Travis McFarlane

## Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Stagg

\*Hymn #459 (v.1-4)

*Lord You Give the Great Commission*

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Endress

Offertory Music

\*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Stagg

Communion Hymn #430 (v. 1-3)

*Lo, I Am With You*

Prayer for Offerings

Dan Gieseke

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer

Eric Seaman

**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

Dr. Stagg

\*Recessional #459 (v. 5)

*Lord You Give the Great Commission*

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and,  
amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

Postlude

*Hymn to Freedom*

Travis McFarlane

## Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing:** Susan Klockow; Youth Mission Trip to Evansville; David Meyer

**Sympathy:** David Meyer's father, Leon Lorenz Meyer, passed away in Saline, MI on Sunday, May 24. He was 94 years old. Please keep David, Anne, and the rest of Leon's family in your prayers at this time.

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 **John & Sarah Yonker** in honor of this community of faith and its continuing ministry.

The **yellow rose** on the organ is in celebration of **Sarah & John Yonker's** 53rd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, June 2!

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

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## Serving Today

**Office Receptionist:** Debbie Potthast

**Welcome Station:** Carrie Batterson

**Flower Ministry:** Holly & Dan Gieseke

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:** C.K. & Paula Hoenes

**Communion Prep:** Ryan Hunsaker

**Greeters:** Janelle Patterson (N. Door), Don Mosby (S. Door), Stacy Silverwood (Atrium), Ryan Silverwood (Portico)

**AV Team:** Cole Freed

**Liturgist:** Dan Gieseke

**Deacon Team:** The Hunsaker Team

**Elders:** Dan Gieseke, Eric Seaman, Sarah Storm (Balcony)

**Children's Worship:** Holly Gieseke

**Offering Counters:** Jerry Miller and Deb Batterson

# This Week in the Life of the Church

## Sunday, May 31

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Worship, 9:30am, Sanctuary

## Tuesday, June 2

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

## Wednesday, June 3

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom

## Thursday, June 4

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

## Friday, June 5

*FCC Scholarships Deadline*

## Sunday, June 7

- Summer Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Worship, 9:30am, Sanctuary

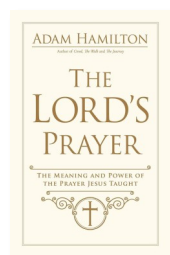
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## Chancel Flowers—Sign Up in the Narthex

It's officially that time again to sign up to donate Chancel Flowers for 2026-27! Anyone who wishes to donate flowers for the chancel for \$30 per Sunday in 2026-27 can sign up in the Church Office, as well as before or after worship in the Narthex until early June.

## Summer Adult Sunday School—Beginning Sunday, June 7

Join us on Sunday, June 7 for the first meeting of Adult Sunday School for the summer. **Mark Goodwin** will lead our discussion of Adam Hamilton's *The Lord's Prayer* each week at 8:30 a.m. in Morris Parlor. This Sunday School class will explore the meaning of the prayer we repeat each week in worship and will offer space for meaningful fellowship throughout the summer.



## Vacation Bible School—June 21-25

Join us June 21-25 for Barnyard Bash, a VBS filled with fun, games, Bible lessons, and more! Your kiddos will connect faith, silliness, and an appreciation for creation in an unforgettable week! Register today using the QR code! Students who are potty-trained up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join the fun and grow together!



# 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 9:15am until pickup following the service.

**Children's Worship:** Following the Children's Moment in 9:30 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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