

Worship



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FEBRUARY 18, 2023



10:30 A.M.

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Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Rochelle Parker

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

Elizabeth Mottaz

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

We wait for you.

Lead us in your paths of truth.

Do not remember our failures.

Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

We lift up our souls to you, and praise you always.

*Hymn #25

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

Elizabeth Mottaz

Let us pray. **God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this Lenten season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #35

Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment

Dr. 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: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (NT p. 234)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Great Creator
by Karen Marroli

Chancel Choir

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Stagg

*Hymn #622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Endress

Offertory Music

Rochelle Parker

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Endress

Communion Hymn #200 (v. 1-3)

What Wondrous Love is This

Prayer for Offerings

Mark Mills

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion 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 and pre-packaged** 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 #200 (v. 4)

What Wondrous Love is This

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!**

Postlude

*On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons
by Charles Villers Stanford*

Rochelle Parker

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Hayley Batterson & Family; Sue Haynes; Harlan Hackett; Julie Hickey; Brad & Trish Stagg; Bonnie Jean Backues; Jacki Davidson; Jacki Davison & Jennifer Alexander

Sympathy: Glenda Clark passed away in the presence of her family on Wednesday, February 14. Services for Glenda are still pending. Please keep **Hayley, Matt, Delaney, and Ryley Batterson** & their family in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.

Happy 100th Birthday: Our very own **Bonnie Jean Backues** turned 100 years old on Friday, February 16! Bonnie loves to receive cards, so if you have time this week, it's never too late to wish someone a happy birthday, especially when they're turning 100! Send all cards to Bonnie Jean Backues, 6101 N. Highway V V, Columbia, MO 65202. Happy birthday, Bonnie!

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 **Sally Robinson** in honor of Babara Robinson and in memory of Buddy Robinson.

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson

Welcome Station: Valerie Freed

Flower Ministry: Paula Hoenes

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Edie Pigg

Communion Prep: Sharon & Steve Smith

Greeters: Jessica Humble (N. Door), Steve Humble (S. Door), Susan Ramsey (Atrium), Gerald Ramsey (Portico)

AV Team: Janelle Patterson & TBD

Liturgist: Elizabeth Mottaz

Deacon Team: The Underwood Team

Elders: Mark Mills, Steve Smith, Cindy Rose (Balcony)

Children's Worship: Allie Schomaker

Offering Counters: Cindy & Doug Smith and Sarah Storm

This Week in the Life of the Church

**YFH refers to Yonker Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, February 18

- Worship, 8:30am
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Worship, 10:30am
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

Tuesday, February 20

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Admin Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, February 21

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

Sunday, February 25

- Worship, 8:30am
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Worship, 10:30am
- Chili Cook-Off & Fellowship Lunch, 12pm, YFH
- JYF & Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

Chili Cook-Off & Fellowship Lunch—Sunday, February 25

Spice up your Sunday with FCC's Chili Cook-Off and Fellowship Meal on Sunday, February 25 immediately following the 2nd service at 12:00pm!

There are three ways to participate—1) we are looking for 12 top chefs to enter a batch of their best chili, 2) we are calling on our talented bakers to whip up some sweet dessert donations to complement the feast, and 3) we are looking for folks to show up and eat! If you would like to enter baked goods or chili, please contact **Holly Gieseke**(hollycolettegieseke@gmail.com) to secure your spot. If you plan to attend the lunch, please RSVP by scanning the QR code with your smart phone, or writing "CHILI" in your pew pads.



Loaves & Fishes—Monday, February 26



We are looking for volunteers to help prepare dinner, make desserts, and serve dinner for our February Loaves & Fishes shift coming up on Monday, February 26. Please contact Eric Arnett if you're interested in helping at rnet01@mac.com, or use the QR code to see what spots are still available.

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 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 in the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings. Children (grades K-5) and youth (grades 6-12) will meet on the third floor of the Education Building. Adults meet in the Keystone Room on the second floor of the Education Building.



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