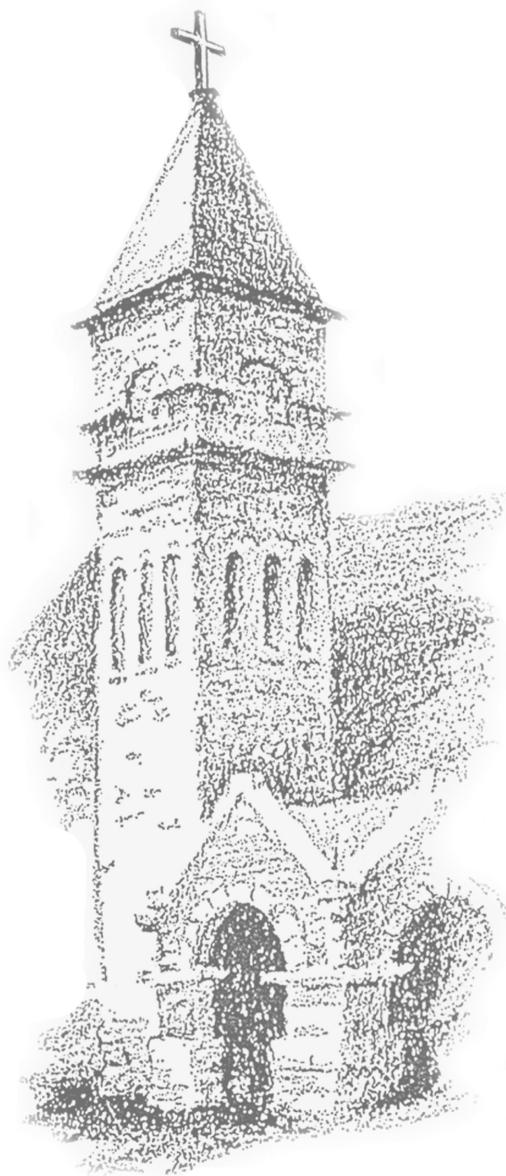


# Worship



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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 25, 2026**



**10:30 A.M.**

## Gathering in Praise

(\*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

*I Will Make You Fishers of Men*  
Tallmage Bittikofer

Rochelle Parker

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

Laura Hunsaker

To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**To those who dwell in gloom and despair,  
God's glorious presence has appeared.**

God is indeed our light and our salvation.

**We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.**

Let us worship our God of light and promise.

**Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.**

\*Hymn #97

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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

Laura Hunsaker

Let us pray. **God of Blazing light, through the power of the cross You shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as Your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow You into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 4:12-25 (NT p. 3-4)

Dr. Stagg

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

*If You Search With All Your Heart*  
Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

## Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship	Dr. Stagg
*Hymn #344	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>
Invitation to Stewardship	Dr. Endress
Offertory Music	Rochelle Parker
*The Doxology #46	
Invitation to the Table	Dr. Stagg
Communion Hymn #337	<i>Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult</i>
Prayer for Offerings	C.K. Hoenes
Words of Institution	
Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer	Paula Hoenes
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p><i>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. <b>Gluten free</b> communion elements can be found in the Narthex. All communion elements are <b>non-alcoholic</b>.</i></p>	
Receiving the Bread and Cup	Dr. Stagg

## Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction	Dr. Stagg
*Recessional #452 (v. 1)	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>
<p><b>I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.</b></p>	

## Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing:** Billlie Silvey; Don Mosby; Carol Slusher; Mary Tompson; Becky Beary; Helen Stemmons; Jane Eckert; Brad 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** are given by **Mary, Brad, and Laura Daugherty** in memory of our grandparents, Dee & Dorothy Daugherty and Bart & Norma Ault.

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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:** Susan Gray

**Flower Ministry:** Brenda & Don Mosby

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:** The Gieseke's

**Communion Prep:** Sharon & Steve Smith

**Greeters:** Cindy Smith (N. Door), Doug Smith (S. Door),  
Chris Fuemmeler (Atrium), Tracy Fuemmeler (Portico)

**AV Team:** Dan Gieseke

**Liturgist:** Laura Hunsaker

**Deacon Team:** The Hunsaker Team

**Elders:** C.K. Hoenes, Paula Hoenes, Fred Mottaz (Balcony)

**Children's Worship:** Holly Gieseke

**Offering Counters:** Sarah Storm & Deb Batterson

# This Week in the Life of the Church

## Sunday, January 25

- In-Person Worship Cancelled, Online Only
- ~~- 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~~

## Monday, January 26

- Nominating Committee, 6:30pm, Zoom

## Tuesday, January 27

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Drennan Meeting, 1pm, Lenoir Woods
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

## Wednesday, January 28

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, ***Virtually Only***
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

## Sunday, February 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
- Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

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## **Rescheduled! Burns Night Supper & Ceildih—Saturday, March 14**

**Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh** has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 14. All questions about tickets, volunteering, and other logistics should be directed at Topher Endress ([topher@firstchristian.org](mailto:topher@firstchristian.org)). We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused ticket holders, volunteers, and other Burns Night supporters – we appreciate your patience as we navigate the logistics of this reschedule.

## **Nominating Forms 2026-27—Due Monday, January 26**

The Nominating Committee is looking for the congregation's help discerning who will serve our congregation as elders, deacons, junior deacons, or should be recognized with a special recognition awards for service to the church in 2026. Nomination forms can be found in the Narthex and the church office and are due back to the office or to a members of the Nominating Committee by Monday, January 26.

# 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 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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