

8:30 AM

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Gathering Music	Marty Schmidt
Welcome & Life of the Church	Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata
*Hymn of Celebration	“As with Gladness” #173
*Gathering Prayer and Lord’s Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6 Rev. Meredith Siler
Sing Along	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1-12 Dr. Opsata
Sermon	Gifts of Love Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship	Dr. Opsata
*Hymn of Discipleship	“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” #606 <i>If you have been visiting at FCC and have found a spiritual home here, during this hymn you are invited to make your commitment known by coming forward to be received into Christian fellowship.</i>
Morning Prayer	Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Christian Stewardship	Rev. Siler
Receiving Tithes and Offerings	
*Doxology/ Prayer of Dedication	Rev. Siler
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper	
Invitation and Words of Institution	Rev. Siler
Communion Hymn	“The Gift of Love” #526
Elder’s Prayer	Glenn Ellis
Partaking of the Lord’s Supper	
	<i>Please receive the bread and cup as it is passed and partake. You are welcome at the Lord’s table whether you are a member of this congregation or not.</i>
Benediction	Dr. Opsata
*Postlude	Marty Schmidt

January 7, 2018

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Prelude	Marty Schmidt
*Hymn of Celebration	“As with Gladness” #173
*Greeting and Gathering Chorus	“This Is the Day” #286
*Gathering Litany	Sarah Webb
Leader:	The signs of his coming still beckon the faithful.
People:	We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship.
Leader:	The signs of his coming still frighten the haughty and powerful.
People:	They fear the One born king of the Jews.
Leader:	From the lowly and least comes the one who brings peace.
People:	Let us give him our lives as the best gift we can bring.
*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer (unison)	Sarah Webb
	Gracious God of Light and Peace, on this Epiphany Sunday, when we remember the visitation of the Magi celebrating the Light of Christ that illumines creation, we ask for your divine presence in our midst. May our lives be the gifts that greet the Messiah. May we be the guides who show others the way. As your star shown forth in the heavens, may it shine forth in our lives, giving directions to all who would seek you and your Child. Now hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught:
	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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
*Gloria Patri	#35
Carol Sing	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6 Sarah Webb
Special Music	“Jubilate Deo” Chancel Choir Composed by Gordon Young Dr. Carl Smith, Director
Children’s Blessing	Rev. Meredith Siler
	<i>Children welcome in the name of Jesus. Children welcome in the name of love. All are welcome in the name of Jesus. All are welcome in the name of love.</i>
	(Children go to appropriate class)
	Worship & Wonder (CWW—ages 3-K) Room 305
	Following Jesus (FJ— grades 1-3) Room 306
	Junior Youth Worship (JYW-grades 4-5) Room 308

Invitation to Christian Stewardship	Rev. Siler
Offertory	
*Doxology	#48
*Prayer of Dedication	Rev. Siler
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12 Dr. Opsata
Sermon	Gifts of Love Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship	Dr. Opsata
*Hymn of Discipleship	“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” #606 <i>If you have been visiting at FCC and have found a spiritual home here, during this hymn you are invited to make your commitment known by coming forward to be received into Christian fellowship.</i>
Service of Ordination and Installation	Dr. Opsata
Elder Ordination:	Bonnie Reeves
Deacon Installation:	John Avent Jana Thompson Taylor Blackburn Brian Tramontin Mila Stivers
Installation of Officers, Board and Leadership Call Team	
Officers:	Sarah Webb (Board Chair) Janet Lile (Vice Board Chair) John Avent (Treasurer) Jana Thompson (Secretary)
New Board Members:	Kevin Blackburn Tom Griffin Delle Blair Elizabeth Peters Mariane Braden Bonnie Reeves Larry Ellis Sue Underwood Gary Grider
Leadership Call Team:	Frances Cadle Nancy Lovitt
Morning Prayer	Dr. Opsata
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper	
Communion Hymn	“The Gift of Love” #526
Invitation to Communion	Rev. Siler
Words of Institution and Prayer	Rev. Siler Sandy Rhodes Priscilla Barnes
Partaking of the Lord’s Supper	
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Benediction	Dr. Opsata
*Sending Forth	“Go Now in Peace” #437
*Postlude	Marty Schmidt

IN OUR PRAYERS Those serving in the Military and as Law Enforcement Officers, Stanley and May Lou Alexander (Ashwood), Jerry Allen (Mariane Braden), Hazel Arnold, Ann & Joshua Banta (Judy Richards), Jackie Barney, Maria Bartholomew, Julia Blackburn (Tom & Eleanor Penn's granddaughter), Ron Burgess, Chet & Sue Care, Katie Hecker Carney (Sun Spirit Fallis), Walter Chism (Judy Richards), Phyllis DiCapua (Priscilla Barnes), Bill Eggin (Sue Tutt), Teri Elliot (Sun Spirit Fallis), Davey Fallis, Eulane Fortune, Beth Blackburn Fraley (Eva Ellis), Cheryl Gayhart, Bill Grugin (Dixie Grugin), Jill Hayes (Janice Clark), Ann Hester, Richard Hite (Nancy Miracle), Tyler Howard (Ann Howard), Lynda Jalbert, Elizabeth & Addison Judy, Ethan Lewis (Eva Ellis), Bob and Patricia Lippert, Reva Sherman-Matthews (Whittney Sherman), Jerry Mayes (Fred Lee), Jim McWilliams, Chuck Mitchell (Fred Lee), Don Mitchell (Valerie Ramsey's father), Sally Monroe, Michael Perniciaro (Linda Davis), Bob Pullen, Sue Ramsey (Larry Cox), Mary Rhodes (Jerry & Sandy Rhodes), Dwight Richards (Kent Richards), Judy Richards, Jacob Roberts (Lynda Jalbert), Anne Robbins (Judy Richards), Ilse Rogers, Kathy & Rebecca Ryan (Jayne Arnold), Chester & Ann Snelling, Casey Sparrow (Valerie Ramsey), Angel Dugger Subbert (Misty Judy), James Tandy (Judy Richards), Betty Thurman, Susan Tileston (Sue Care), Stephen Tutt (Sue Tutt), Riviera Ueltschi (Sun Spirit Fallis), Doris Versey (Fred Lee), Tony Versey III (Fred Lee), Judy Walden (Donna Fiero), Glenn Webster (Dixie Grugin), Phyllis Yocum (Larry Cox), all victims of disaster and violence in our world.

WE HAVE A NEW EMPLOYEE! Please extend a warm FCC welcome to our new employee, Janice Jackson. Janice is replacing Debra Morgan, who retired last month. Janice will be working from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Donna Ritchey will continue to work 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.

THANK YOU Dear First Christian Church, Thank you for the scholarship money to help buy books and pay my school tuition. It was very helpful and I was blessed to receive it. Also, thank you for the groups that adopted me and sent my packages. I sent thank you cards to a few ladies, but I hope I didn't miss any! It is appreciated more than I can express. Love, Madison Fitzgerald

DR. OPSATA OUT Dr. Opsata will be out of the office January 8-13.

NO BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY Board Meeting will not be held in January. The next meeting will be February 12 at 5:30 pm in Bible Buddies.

ANNA MERLE CIRCLE The next meeting of the Anna Merle Circle will be Tuesday, **January 9 at 7:00 pm** at Nancy Ball's home, 126 Locust Hill in Frankfort, if weather permits.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING The next Library Board Meeting will be held on **January 10 at 4:30 pm** in the Library.

FINANCE MEETING The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held **January 15 at 5:00pm** in Bible Buddies.

FEBRUARY FOLLIES Save the date for February Follies on **February 11**. Follies gone Hollywood: Lights! Camera! Action! It's that time of the year again to think about February Follies and gathering your talents. No talent is too great or small. Contact Karen Howard at 502-229-3061.

ATTENTION YOUTH PARENTS AND CHURCH FAMILY FCC and Highland Christian Youth Groups are co-hosting a MLK Day Celebration on **January 14 from 3:30 pm to 6:00pm**. We have invited other down town youth groups to join us. We will begin at FCC in the CCLC with food and fun and then walk over together to the Community MLK Service at The Grand Theatre. If you would like to donate finger foods, sweets or 2 liters, please bring them to the CCLC when you come to church on January 14.

JANUARY WEF SCHEDULE

January Mission Project: Sweatpants, Men's Briefs and Socks for The Men's Shelter (all sizes)

January 17
FCC Ministry Fair
Sunday school classes, Groups and Volunteer Opportunities

January 24
Wednesday Worship in the Chapel

January 31
Intergenerational Game Night

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION (in unison)

Let us pray: Almighty God, we rejoice that you have called us to be your people in this time and place. Help us to fulfill the mission to which you call us as we seek to know what faithfulness requires of us. Strengthen the resolves that here have been made and uphold your leaders with hope and encouragement that they may endure every frustrating difficulty. Fill this congregation with your loving Spirit that each may work together harmoniously so that all members may work together for the common good and to your glory. We pray in Christ's name. Amen

Sunday, January 7 8:30 Chapel Service 9:30 Faith Formation 10:15 Family Faith Fellowship (CCLC) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)	Wednesday, January 10 4:00 Little Acorns 4:30 Library Board Meeting (Library) 5:00 Children's Choir 5:30 Fellowship Meal (CCLC) 6:15 Early Choir 1st Families (Room 300) Praying in Color (Library) Kid's Corner (Ms. Elle) JYF (Ms. Maurya)* Chi-Rho (Ms. Trina) *JYF meets on the 3rd Wednesday
Monday, January 8 10:00 Prayer Group (Rev. Meredith's Office) 6:15 Disciple Ringers 6:30 Boy Scouts (4th Floor) Girl Scouts (Room 310)	Thursday, January 11 9:00 Newsletter 3:15 Sheri Locke (Rm 309) 3:30 Nan Rickerts (Keystone) 6:00 Cub Scouts
Tuesday, January 9 12:00 Al Anon (Keystone) 5:30 AA Meeting (Keystone) 7:00 Anna Merle Circle (Nancy Ball's home)	Saturday, January 12 9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)

OFFICE HOURS	Monday	8:00 am—3:00 pm
	Tuesday	8:30 am—3:00 pm
	Wednesday & Thursday	8:00 am—3:00 pm
	Friday	Closed
DEADLINES	Messenger Deadline	Tuesday by Noon
	Bulletin Deadline	Thursday at 9:00 am

Welcome

"At First Christian Church our mission is to be and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.' To be a faithful church demonstrating true community, deep spirituality and a passion for justice."

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Dr. Robert Blair, Organist
Bonnie Reeves, Coffee House Music
Beckie Glander, Admin. Assistant/Facilities

Donna Ritchey, Administrative Assistant
Janice Jackson, Administrative Assistant
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Maria Bartholomew, Children's Music