

8:30 AM

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Gathering Music		Marty Schmidt
Welcome & Life of the Church		Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>"I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry"</i>	#75
*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 1:1-6	Rev. Meredith Siler
Sing Along		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 4:1-14	Dr. Opsata
Sermon	Wilderness Wisdom	Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship		Dr. Opsata
*Hymn of Discipleship	<i>"Spirit Song"</i>	#352
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Morning Prayer		Rev. Siler
Invitation to Christian Stewardship		Dr. Opsata
Receiving Tithes and Offerings		
*Doxology/ Prayer of Dedication		Dr. Opsata
Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
Invitation and Words of Institution		Dr. Opsata
Communion Hymn	<i>"Eat This Bread"</i>	#414
Elder's Prayer		Jim True
Partaking of the Lord's Supper		
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Benediction		Dr. Opsata
*Postlude		Marty Schmidt

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Our Nursery is located on the 1st floor next to our Welcome Center

Prelude		Marty Schmidt
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>"I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry"</i>	#75
*Greeting and Gathering Chorus	<i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i>	#259
*Gathering Litany		
Leader:	On a day like today, there is no better place to be than here!	
People:	It was tempting to stay home.	
Leader:	At a moment like this, there is hope for unity and perseverance.	
People:	It is tempting to give up.	
Leader:	On a journey like this, there is wondrous diversity around every corner.	
People:	It will be tempting to turn away.	
People:	Thanks be to God! We find courage when we come together in Christ's name!	
*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer (unison)		
		Keshawn Coleman
God of yesterday, today and the future, we confess that we are often not up to the journey before us. We quickly turn inward and more slowly open ourselves to one another. And often, it is only at the breaking point that we remember to turn to you. Forgive us we pray. Remind us that not only are you our beginning and our ending, but you are with us in the in-between. As you were with Jesus in his wilderness, be with us in ours. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:		
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
Scripture Reading	Psalm 1:1-6	Keshawn Coleman
Special Music	<i>"Beautiful Savior"</i>	Chancel Choir
	Composed by Wallingford Riegger	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. Dr. John T. Opsata
Offertory		
*Doxology		#48
*Prayer of Dedication		Dr. Opsata
Scripture	Matthew 4:1-14	Dr. Opsata
Sermon	Wilderness Wisdom	Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship		Dr. Opsata
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Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
Communion Hymn	<i>"Eat This Bread"</i>	#414
Invitation to Communion		Dr. Opsata
Words of Institution and Prayer		Dr. Opsata
		Bob Pullen
		Diana Geddes
Partaking of the Lord's Supper		
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Benediction		Dr. Opsata
*Sending Forth	<i>"Pass It On"</i>	#477
*Postlude		Marty Schmidt

IN OUR PRAYERS Those serving in the Military and as Law Enforcement Officers, May Lou Alexander (Ashwood), Jerry Allen (Mariane Braden), Ann & Joshua Banta (Judy Richards), Jackie Barney, Maria Bartholomew, Julia Blackburn (Tom & Eleanor Penn's granddaughter), Sue Boden, Ron Burgess, Chet Care, Katie Hecker Carney (Sun Spirit Fallis), Walter Chism (Judy Richards), Elizabeth Conway Family (Gina Williams' Niece), Phyllis DiCapua (Priscilla Barnes), Bill Eggin (Sue Tutt), Teri Elliot (Sun Spirit Fallis), Davey Fallis, Eulane Fortune, Beth Blackburn Fraley (Eva Ellis), Cheryl Gayhart, Mary Ellen Graves (Eleanor Penn), Bill Grugin (Dixie Grugin), Jill Hayes (Janice Clark), Ann Hester, Richard Hite (Nancy Miracle), Tyler Howard (Ann Howard), Lynda Jalbert, Alex Jensen (Ann Winn Vasant), Elizabeth & Addison Judy, Ethan Lewis (Eva Ellis), Bob and Patricia Lippert, Reva Sherman-Matthews (Whitney Sherman), Jerry Mayes (Fred Lee), Jim McWilliams, Chuck Mitchell (Fred Lee), Don Mitchell (Valerie Ramsey's father), Margaret Moman (Eva Ellis), 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), Mike Schepens (Scott Schepens' father), Chester & Ann Snelling, Casey Sparrow (Valerie Ramsey), Angel Dugger Subbert (Misty Judy), James Tandy (Judy Richards), Betty Thurman, 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.

CONDOLENCES Our condolences to Jennifer and John Opsata with the death of Jennifer's mother, Penny Low. Please keep the family in your prayers. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 18 in Lakewood, Ohio.

THANK YOU Please know how very much I appreciate the church's donation to the Therapeutic Riding Fund in my sister, Evie's memory. The program is so pleased with the donations and they will be able to help so many with what has been received. What a lovely thing for you to do and I will never forget it. Lisbon Hardy

THANK YOU Dear FCC, I would like to thank the church and everyone that has helped and sent me care packages over the last few semesters. I'm so grateful for everything you all do for me and my brother. I look forward to seeing you all whenever I get the chance to come home. Thank you all for your love and support. Elizabeth Tramontin

CUB SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Cub Scouts Pack 6 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on **March 3 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am** here at FCC in the CCLC. Please come out and support the Cub Scouts!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD DAY OF PRAYER First Christian Church will be hosting the Church Women United World Day Of Prayer Program this year on Saturday morning, **March 3**. The theme of the program this year is Becoming A Circle Maker Of Prayer, "Praying Hard and Praying Through". Church Women United was founded in 1941. It is an organization founded as a racially, culturally, and theologically inclusive Christian women's movement to celebrate unity in diversity and work for peace in the world. Offering this year will benefit the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry. Please consider joining us on this day to not only show our support for this wonderful program, but to also be there to welcome all to our wonderful church home. The program information is as follows: **Fellowship at 10:00 am, Program at 10:30 am, Ends at 12:30 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.**

DEACONS MEETING will be held on **March 4 following the 10:45 am Service** in the CCLC. Please plan to attend this luncheon meeting to discuss upcoming projects, to thank Janet Lile for her service as Chairperson of the Deacons, and to welcome Ron and Frances Cadle as the new Co-Chairpersons of the Deacons. Please r.s.v.p. to the office and please let Elle know if you will need childcare.

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S CHORUS RETREAT will be held **March 9-11 at Jeffersontown Christian Church in Louisville.** Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center.



Calling everyone and anyone to help!
BRING STUFF (no clothes)!

We need help to set-up our space
Help to sort, price and display items
Help to sell items
Help to take money

Help to take items that may be left to Goodwill
Help to put tables away and clean the space

**The dates are March 22 for set-up and sorting
March 23 and 24 for Selling**

March 24 for breaking down and cleaning

Please let Diana Geddes know which of these areas of help you might offer
dianaruth40601@aol.com or call or text - 502.330.3277

The proceeds from this sale go to further the Hospitality Ministry and those we serve.

Sunday, February 25

8:30 Chapel Service
9:30 Faith Formation
10:15 Family Faith Fellowship (CCLC)
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 Coffee House

Monday, February 26

10:00 Prayer Group (Rev. Meredith's Office)
6:30 Disciple Ringers
Boy Scouts (4th Floor)
Girl Scouts (Room 310)

Tuesday, February 27

11:30 Staff Meeting
12:00 Al Anon (Keystone)
5:30 AA Meeting (Keystone)

Wednesday, February 28

4:00 Little Acorns
5:00 Children's Choir
5:30 Fellowship Meal (CCLC)
6:15 Lenten Study
Kid's Corner (Ms. Elle)
JYF (Ms. Maurya)*
Chi-Rho (Ms. Trina)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal
*JYF meets on the 3rd Wednesday

Thursday, March 1

9:00 Newsletter
3:15 Sheri Locke (Rm 309)
3:30 Nan Rickerts (Keystone)
6:00 Cub Scouts

Saturday, March 3

8:00 -10:00 Pancake Breakfast
Fundraiser for Cub Scouts (CCLC)
9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)
10:00 Church Women United World Day of Prayer (FH)

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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Beckie Glander, Admin. Assistant/Facilities

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