

**8:30 AM**

*Please silence all cell phones. Thank you!*

*\*Please stand and remain standing if able*

**Gathering Music** Dr. Bob Blair

**Welcome & Life of the Church** Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata

**\*Hymn of Celebration** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #484

**\*Gathering Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 32:1-11

**Sing Along**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 9:1-6 Dr. Opsata

**Sermon** Commissioned Dr. Opsata

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**\*Hymn of Discipleship** “Here I Am, Lord” #452

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**Morning Prayer**

**Invitation to Christian Stewardship**

**Receiving Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology/ Prayer of Dedication**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper** Dr. Opsata

**Invitation and Words of Institution** #408

**Communion Hymn** “Come, Share the Lord”

**Elder’s Prayer** Diana Geddes

**Partaking of the Lord’s Supper**  
*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.*

**Benediction** Dr. Opsata

**\*Postlude** Dr. Bob Blair

**March 18, 2018**

**10:45 AM**

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

**Prelude** Dr. Bob Blair

**\*Hymn of Celebration** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #484

**\*Greeting and Gathering Chorus** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” #614

**\*Gathering Litany** Meredith Thomas

**Leader:** It may not be on the mountain’s height or over the stormy sea;  
**People:** **It may not be while the storm clouds roil, my Lord will have need of me.**

**Leader:** But if by a still small voice God calls, to paths that I do not know,  
**People:** **I’ll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine, I’ll go where you want me to go.**

**Leader:** I’ll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, o’er mountain, or plain, or sea;  
**People:** **I’ll say what you want me to say, dear Lord, I’ll be what you want me to be.**  
*(Mary Brown, adapted)*

**\*Gathering Prayer and Lord’s Prayer** (unison) Meredith Thomas

**Always embracing God, when your Servant, Jesus the Christ, passed through this world, he invited us to join in his great work of proclaiming your love and bringing peace to the troubled. What a wondrous gift! But we have often failed to embrace this gift and give feet to your call on our lives. Your Servant has told us that you have given us all that we need to proclaim your Good News in word and deed. Still, we wallow in our weakness, never truly accepting the possibilities opening before us. Forgive our reluctance and self-doubt. Increase our courage and resolve. From this moment forward, empower us to be instruments of your promise and peace. Hear us now as we pray in the name of Jesus, who has called us into a life of service:**

**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 32:1-11 Meredith Thomas

**Special Music** Chancel Choir  
Dr. Carl Smith, Director

**Children’s Blessing** Elle Travis

*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.*

(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**

**Scripture** Luke 9:1-6

**Sermon** Commissioned Dr. Opsata

**Invitation to Discipleship** Dr. Opsata

**\*Hymn of Discipleship** “Here I Am, Lord” #452

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**Morning Prayer** Rev. Libby McManis

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**Communion Hymn** “Come, Share the Lord” #408

**Invitation to Communion** Dr. Opsata

**Words of Institution and Prayer** Dr. Opsata

Nadine Cox

Glenn Ellis

**Partaking of the Lord’s Supper**  
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**Benediction** Dr. Opsata

**\*Sending Forth** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #431

**\*Postlude** Dr. Bob Blair

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Those serving in the Military and as Law Enforcement Officers, May Lou Alexander (Ashwood), Jerry Allen (Mariane Braden), Raymond Aubrey, Nancy Ball, Ann & Joshua Banta (Judy Richards), Jackie Barney, Maria Bartholomew, Julia Blackburn (Tom & Eleanor Penn's granddaughter), Sue Boden, Bill & Linda Brown (Lee Ann Snelling), 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, Terry Foster (Janice Jackson), 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 Vansant), 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), Margaret Moman (Eva Ellis), Sally Monroe, Michael Perniciaro (Linda Davis), Bob Pullen, Sue Ramsey (Larry Cox), Mary Rhodes (Jerry & Sandy Rhodes), 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 & violence in our world.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** Today's sanctuary flowers were given by Bob Pullen and children in memory of Ruth Ann Pullen.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER** A warm FCC welcome to new member, Janice Jackson! Janice works in the FCC Office Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

**THANK YOU** Thank you to my FCC family for the cards, letters and prayers during my illness. They were very much appreciated. Jim Wolcott

**EASTER LILIES AND BULBS** Patty Peavler will be in the Fellowship Hall **today, March 18, before the 10:45am service** to accept orders for lilies and spring bulbs to decorate the sanctuary on Easter. Please make your check payable to FCC and put in the memo line who you are honoring or giving as a memorial. The pots will be \$10 each. If more convenient, mail or drop your check at the church office.

**JAZZ DISCIPLES** The Jazz Disciples will be performing **today, March 18, at 4:00pm** at First Presbyterian Church on 416 West Main Street. FCC's John Avent and Lee Cowherd are members of the Jazz Disciples.

**ROSM FUNDRAISER** **Monday, March 19, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Panera Bread.** A portion of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to ROSM. Flyers that you **must** take with you are available in the Welcome, Center, church office or if you order online for pick up, enter **FUND** as your promo code.

**BECKIE'S SPRING CLEANING** It's that time of year again! If you would like to help get the Sanctuary and Chapel ready for Easter, we would love to have you on **Tuesday, March 20, from 9:30am to 12:30pm.** Lunch will be provided. Please r.s.v.p. to Beckie at 502-395-8940 or beckieglander@gmail.com.

**RUMMAGE SALE** 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 from 8:00am—6:00pm and March 24 from 8:00am—12:00pm for selling. March 24 in the afternoon for breaking down and cleaning.** Please let Diana Geddes know which of these areas of help you might offer at 502-330-3277 (call or text) or dianaruth40601@aol.com. The proceeds from this sale go to further the Hospitality Ministry and those we serve!

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will perform on Palm Sunday, **March 25,** and Easter Sunday, **April 1,** during the 10:45am Service! **Warm-ups at 9:30am** in the Sanctuary both days.

**EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT** First Families Annual Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt will take place on **Saturday, March 31,** beginning with **breakfast at 9:30am, Easter Story with Ms. Elle at 10:15am** and **Egg Hunt and Games at the Old Capitol Lawn at 10:45am.**

**NURSERY FUNDRAISERS** The Nursery will be moving in the near future from the 1st Floor within New Horizons Child Development Center to the 3rd Floor into what used to be Dr. O's Faith Formation classroom. To move the nursery into that space, we need to create a welcoming and safe environment for our children birth through 3 years old. A registry has been created and FCC would love it if our congregation could help support the purchases of the items needed. You may find the registry at <https://www.babylist.com/fcc-nursery>. Purchases made through this site will be mailed directly to FCC. We are also hosting a Book Fair through Usborne Books to fill our shelves with age-appropriate books. Thank you to Kara Keeton for setting up this fundraiser. The book fair can be accessed online at <http://d7482.myubam.com/951358>. Please contact Elle Travis with any questions. Thank you for your support!

**KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S SPRING CONFERENCE 2018**

**April 21 at First Christian Church, Henderson**

Kara Kleinschmidt Foster, Minister, First Christian Church, Madisonville is preaching

**April 28 at First Christian Church, Frankfort**

Shelia Spencer, Assistant to the President and Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation with Disciples Home Missions is preaching

There will be socially relevant workshops, Bible studies and spiritual discipline workshops at both conferences. **Registration forms on the Welcome Center counter.**

**SAVE THE DATES** **Spring Academy** - We're going to try something new with the Spring Academy! We'll be meeting on **Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27.** Please put those dates on your calendar. Class info to come.

**Sunday, March 18**

8:30 Chapel Service  
9:30 Faith Formation  
10:15 Family Faith Fellowship (CCLC)  
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)  
4:00 Jazz Disciples (First Presbyterian)  
5:00 Coffee House

**Monday, March 19**

10:00 Prayer Group (Rev. Meredith's)  
5:30 Elder's Meeting (BB)  
6:30 Disciple Ringers  
Boy Scouts (4th Floor)  
Girl Scouts (Room 310)

**Tuesday, March 20**

9:30-12:30 Beckie's Spring Cleaning  
11:30 Staff Meeting  
12:00 Al Anon (Keystone)  
5:30 AA Meeting (Keystone)

**Wednesday, March 21**

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

**Thursday, March 22**

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

**Friday, March 23**

8:00-6:00 Rummage Sale (CCLC)

**Saturday, March 24**

8:00-12:00 Rummage Sale (CCLC)  
9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)

**OFFICE HOURS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am—3:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30 am—3:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am—3:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

**DEADLINES**

<b>Messenger Deadline</b>	<b>Tuesday by Noon</b>
<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>Thursday at 9:00 am</b>

# 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."*

## March 18, 2018

5th Sunday of  
**Lent**  
We prepare



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Rev. Dr. John Opsata, Senior Minister  
Rev. Meredith Siler, Associate Minister  
Dr. Carl Smith, Chancel Choir Director  
Dr. Robert Blair, Organist  
Bonnie Reeves, Coffee House Music  
Beckie Glander, Admin. Assistant/Facilities

Donna Ritchey, Administrative Assistant  
Janice Jackson, Administrative Assistant  
Trina Koontz, Director, Youth Ministry  
Elle Travis, Director, Children's Ministry  
Maria Bartholomew, Children's Music