

**April 15, 2018**

**8:30 AM**

*Please silence all cell phones. Thank you!*

*\*Please stand and remain standing if able*

*Our Nursery is located on the 3rd Floor, Room 300 (near elevator)*

**Gathering Music** Dr. Bob Blair

**Welcome & Life of the Church** Rev. Meredith Siler

**\*Hymn of Celebration** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #86

**\*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 4

**Sing Along**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:36-48

**Sermon** Sharing Jesus Rev. Siler

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**\*Hymn of Discipleship** "Called As Partners In Christ's Service" #453

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**Morning Prayer** "Prayer of St. Francis" #468

**Invitation to Christian Stewardship**

**Receiving Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology/ Prayer of Dedication**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Invitation and Words of Institution** Rev. Siler  
**Communion Hymn** "Here At Thy Table, Lord" #384  
**Elder's Prayer** Jim True

**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**

**\*Postlude** Dr. Bob Blair

**10:45 AM**

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**Prelude** Dr. Bob Blair

**\*Hymn of Celebration** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #86

**\*Greeting and Gathering Chorus** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #261

**\*Gathering Litany** Doug Howard

**Leader:** Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name!  
**People:** **Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

**Leader:** You turn our weeping to dancing, God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

**All:** **May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!**

**\*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer** (unison) Doug Howard

**We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the risen Christ. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ as he taught us:**

**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 4 Doug Howard

**Special Music** "How Beautiful" Chancel Choir  
arr. Lloyd Larson 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. Meredith Siler

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology** #48

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture** Luke 24:36-48 Rev. Siler

**Sermon** Sharing Jesus Rev. Siler

**Invitation to Discipleship**

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**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Communion Hymn** "Here At Thy Table, Lord" #384  
**Invitation to Communion** Rev. Siler  
**Words of Institution and Prayer** Sandy Rhodes  
Priscilla Barnes

**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** Rev. Siler

**\*Sending Forth** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #434

**\*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), Polly Coblin (Jane McCord), Elizabeth Conway Family (Gina Williams' Niece), Phyllis DiCapua (Priscilla Barnes), Bill Eggin (Sue Tutt), Teri Elliot (Sun Spirit Fallis), Davey Fallis, Eulane Fortune, Cheryl Gayhart, Mary Ellen Graves (Eleanor Penn), Bill Grugin (Dixie Grugin), Jill Hayes (Janice Clark), 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 (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), 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, Stephen Tutt (Sue Tutt), Riviera Ueltschi (Sun Spirit Fallis), Beth Vernon (Dr. Bob & Linda Blair), Doris Versey (Fred Lee), Tony Versey III (Fred Lee), Judy Walden (Donna Fiero), Glenn Webster (Dixie Grugin), all victims of disaster and violence in our world.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** Today's sanctuary flowers were given by the Bible Buddies Class in honor of its 20th year. Here's to many more years of study and service!



**CONGRATULATIONS** Congratulations to great grandparents Billy & Betty Gayhart on the birth of their great granddaughter, Georgia Elizabeth Akin. She is welcomed home by parents Adam and Casey and big sister Charlotte Marie!

**THANK YOU** I am so thankful to have such a loving, caring church family. Your cards, phone calls and concerns were very much appreciated. Special thanks to Dr. Opsata and Rev. Meredith. Bonnie S. Childs

**THANK YOU** Pete, Rhys and I would like to thank our FCC family for their continued support after the passing of Pete's mother, Linda. Your prayers, hugs, cards, and food offerings were so helpful in the healing process and we are so grateful to have everyone's support here at First Christian Church. Sincerely, Elle Travis

**THANK YOU** We did it! First Christian Church now has a brand new Nursery environment for our littlest disciples and we couldn't have done it without YOUR help! **Thank you so much to everyone** who purchased items off the registry, purchased books from Kara Keeton, or gave money in the offering plate and in person. This was a huge project to complete, but I am proud to say that we have new visiting families and we can proudly offer a safe and inviting environment to welcome them! Thank you FCC for always stepping up for the development & growth of our children. We will be scheduling an Open House for all to come see what we've created so keep an eye out for upcoming details!

**FUND OUR FURRY FRIENDS** Our very own Elle Travis will be a Celebrity Waiter at the upcoming Franklin County Humane Society Celebrity Waiters' Dinner and Silent Auction on **Saturday, April 21 at 6:00pm at the Frankfort Country Club!** If you are attending the event you can request to be seated at her table or if you'd like to donate tips in advance in support of animals in our community please see Elle. Tickets are still available for the dinner and can be purchased online at <http://www.fchsanimals.org>.

**ATTENTION YOUTH** Field Trip to Lexington on **Sunday, April 22. We will meet at noon after the 10:45am Service** to have lunch and go roller skating. Check in with Trina for details and to reserve your spot.

**KEENAGERS!!!** This month we will meet on the **4th Thursday, April 26. Meet at the church at 11:00am** to ride the bus to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield. **Please r.s.v.p. to Rev. Meredith by April 23.**

**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.**

**DOWNTOWN DERBY CELEBRATION** **May 5th from 9 am—1 pm.** We have lots of fun activities and need lots of volunteers! Contact Sandy Rhodes at 229-0048 if you able to volunteer an hour or so of your time. There's something for everyone so come on down!!!

**SPRING ACADEMY** We are going to try something new with the Spring Academy. We will be meeting on Wednesdays, **June 6, 13, 20 and 27.** Class information coming soon!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Save the date for VBS on **June 14-16.** Rolling River Rampage is the theme.

**SING TO THE LORD MUSIC CAMP** will be held **July 9-13 from 8:30am to 4:30pm.** Registration cards are available on the Welcome Center counter or in the church office. Return to the office after completion.

<p><b>Sunday, April 15</b> 8:30 Chapel Service 9:30 Faith Formation 10:15 Family Faith Fellowship (CCLC) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 5:00 Coffee House (FH)</p> <p><b>Monday, April 16</b> 10:00 Prayer Group (Rev. Meredith's Office) 5:30 Elder's Meeting (BB) 6:30 Disciple Ringers Boy Scouts (4th Floor) Girl Scouts (Room 310)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 17</b> 11:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Al Anon (Keystone) 5:30 AA Meeting (Keystone)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 18</b> 4:00 Little Acorns 5:00 Children's Choir 5:30 Fellowship Meal (CCLC) 6:15 Worship in the Chapel Kid's Corner (Ms. Elle) JYF (Ms. Maurya)* Chi-Rho (Ms. Trina) *JYF meets on the 3rd Wednesday</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 19</b> 9:00 Newsletter 3:15 Sheri Locke (Rm 309) 3:30 Nan Rickerts (Keystone) 6:00 Cub Scouts</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 21</b> 9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)</p>
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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	<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>
<b>DEADLINES</b>	<b>Messenger Deadline</b>	<b>Tuesday by Noon to Janice Jackson</b>
	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>Thursday by 9:00 am to Donna Ritchey</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."*

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Beckie Glander, Admin. Assistant/Facilities

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