

April 22, 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. Dr. John T. Opsata

*Hymn of Celebration "This Is My Father's World" #59

*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 23 Rev. Meredith Siler

Sing Along

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-24 Dr. Opsata

Sermon O Lord, My God! Dr. Opsata

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Discipleship "How Great Thou Art" #33

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Morning Prayer Rev. Siler

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 Dr. Opsata
Communion Hymn "Seed, Scattered and Sown" #395
Elder's Prayer Mike Grammer

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

10:45 AM

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Prelude Dr. Bob Blair

*Hymn of Celebration "This Is My Father's World" #59

*Greeting and Gathering Chorus "This Is the Day" #286

*Gathering Litany Kim Cowherd

Leader: We come together to worship this morning, remembering the incredible gift of God's creation.

People: May we live in harmony with the earth.

Leader: May we use the world's resources we need with love, humility, and thoughtfulness, without guilt, without fear, without waste.

People: May we live in harmony with the earth.

Leader: May we live together with animals with which we share this planet, being careful not to harm them or their habitats.

People: May we live in harmony with the earth.

Leader: May we respect the life in our lakes, rivers and oceans, using them with care and being mindful in our efforts not to pollute them.

People: May we live in harmony with the earth.

Leader: May we learn to live within our means, by reducing our waste and continuing to reuse and recycle all that we can.

People: May we live in harmony with the earth.

Leader: May we plan to leave the world in a state that all future generations will be able to enjoy, ensuring that it is filled with resources, life, and kept healthy and clean.

All: May we live in harmony with the earth.

*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer (unison) Kim Cowherd

Lord, Creator of all living things, guide our daily actions and thoughts to become better stewards of the earth. Guide us to act responsibly, care for the earth you gave us, and make wise choices in our everyday living. We ask this through Christ our Lord 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 23 Kim Cowherd

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.

Special Music Children's Choir
Maria Bartholomew, Director

"Gentle Shepherd, Kind and True"
Hal Hopson

"A Love Round"
arr. Nancy Gifford

(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 Rev. Siler

Scripture 1 John 3:16-24 Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata

Sermon O Lord, My God! Dr. Opsata

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Morning Prayer Rev. Siler

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Communion Hymn "Seed, Scattered and Sown" #395
Invitation to Communion Dr. Opsata
Words of Institution and Prayer Jean Anne Webb
Raymond Webb

Partaking of the Lord's Supper
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Benediction Dr. Opsata

*Sending Forth "Go in Peace" #445

*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), Frank Catron (Frances Cadle), 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, Charlie Keeton (Kara Bales), 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), 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.

CONDOLENCES Our condolences to Thelma Fincel and family with the death of her daughter, Donna Riley. Please be in prayer for the family.

FINDING UNITY IN TIMES OF DIVISION South Frankfort Presbyterian Church will host this discussion on **Tuesday, April 24, at 5:30pm** in their Fellowship Hall. The discussion will feature two of Kentucky's key leaders in seeking a common voice among Christians, Rev. Dr. Don Gillett, Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, and Mr. Jason Hall, Executive Director of the Catholic Council of Kentucky. Supper will be served and your r.s.v.p. to Ameila Berry at berryamelia@gmail.com is appreciated, but not required.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE will be meeting at FCC, **Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The featured speaker will be Mark Bryant, a national expert on gun violence statistics and manager of the website Gun Violence Archive. There will also be an update on the legislative session that just ended and brainstorming for future events for Frankfort. All are welcome to attend to find out more about MOMS work in Kentucky and nationwide

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 tomorrow April 23.**

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S SPRING CONFERENCE 2018 will be held at FCC on **Saturday, April 28, at 9:30am.**

- The preacher will be Shelia Spencer, Assistant to the President and Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation with Disciples Home Missions.
- The musicians will be Andra Moran, singer/songwriter and Disciples recording artist from Nashville, TN, and she will be joined by Deborah Garr, Minister of Music, Seventh Street Christian Church in Paris, KY.
- There will be quality socially relevant workshops, bible studies and spiritual discipline workshops.
- Registration forms on the Welcome Center counter. Registration fee of \$35.00 will be paid by DWM if you turn in your form to Sue Wood.

DOWNTOWN DERBY CELEBRATION **May 5th from 9:00am—1:00pm.** We have lots of fun activities. There's something for everyone so come on down!!! Youth will run the games booth. See Trina to choose your shift.

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— CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS Save the date for VBS on **June 14-16.** Did you know that VBS is FCC's best opportunity for Intergenerational bonding? We are **seeking volunteers of all ages** to help lead our VBS Camp and would love for you to come share your gifts with our children. Contact Elle Travis to volunteer.

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 church office after completion.



Sunday, April 22

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

Monday, April 23

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

Tuesday, April 24

11:30 Staff Meeting
12:00 Al Anon (Keystone)
5:30 AA Meeting (Keystone)
5:30 Finding Unity in Times of Division Discussion (South Frankfort Presbyterian Church FH)
6:00 Moms Demand Action (FH)

Wednesday, April 25

4:00 Little Acorns
5:00 Children's Choir
5:30 Fellowship Meal (CCLC)
6:15 Bible Study With Dr. Opsata
Kid's Corner (Ms. Elle)
JYF (Ms. Maurya)*
Chi-Rho (Ms. Trina)

*JYF meets on the 3rd Wednesday

Thursday, April 26

9:00 Newsletter
11:00 Keenagers meet in FCC Parking Lot to ride bus to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield
3:15 Sheri Locke (Rm 309)
3:30 Nan Rickerts (Keystone)
6:00 Cub Scouts

Saturday, April 28

9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)
9:30 Women's Spring Conference (CCLC)

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 to Janice Jackson
Bulletin Deadline Thursday by 9:00 am to Donna Ritchey

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. 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