

April 29, 2018

8:30 AM

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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	<i>"We Gather Together"</i>	#276
*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	1 John 4:7-21	Rev. Meredith Siler
Sing Along		
Scripture Reading	John 15:1-8	Dr. Opsata
Sermon	At Home	Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship		
*Hymn of Discipleship	<i>"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"</i>	#80
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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	<i>"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"</i>	#518
Elder's Prayer		Anne Hilan
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		Dr. Bob Blair

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Prelude		Dr. Bob Blair
Special Music	<i>"Strong, Gentle Children"</i>	John Avent, Saxophone
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>"We Gather Together"</i>	#276
*Greeting and Gathering Chorus	<i>"Jesus Loves Me"</i>	#113(1)
*Gathering Litany		Donna Perkins
	Leader: When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each day, that love may dare	
	People: to reach beyond home's warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.	
	Leader: When love is tried as loved ones change, hold still to hope though all feels strange,	
	People: till ease returns and hope grows wise through listening ears and opened eyes.	
	Leader: When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade,	
	People: till lovers keep no score of wrong, but hear through pain love's Easter song.	
	Leader: Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in calm or strife.	
	People: Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.	
*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer (unison) Donna Perkins		
	God of love, you have invited us to this time and space. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving and joyful praise for the gift of your love. God of life, you have invited us here to place all that we have and all that we are in you. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us to not only lift up our hearts in worship, but to offer our hearts in love. This we pray in the name of Jesus, whose life was love and who taught us to pray, saying:	
	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	1 John 4:7-21	Donna Perkins

Special Music	<i>"My Life is in Your Hands"</i>	James Stevens	Chancel Choir 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	John 15:1-8	Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata	
Sermon	At Home		Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship			
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Celebration of the Lord's Supper			
Communion Hymn	<i>"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"</i>		#518
Invitation to Communion			Dr. Opsata
Words of Institution and Prayer			Donna Perkins Hon. Joyce Albro
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
*Sending Forth	<i>"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"</i>		#431(1)
*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), 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, Jerry Mayes (Fred Lee), Jim McWilliams, Chuck Mitchell (Fred Lee), Don Mitchell (Valerie Ramsey's father), Margaret Moman (Eva Ellis), Sally Monroe, Lillian Nunnally, 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 Our sincere apologies to Bill and Priscilla Barnes. The beautiful flowers last Sunday were in memory of their son, Stevie, and we did not have it the bulletin.

CONDOLENCES Our condolences to Mary Lou Philpot and family with the death of Don Philpot. The service will be held on Sunday, May 6. Visitation will be 1:00pm to 3:00pm at FCC. The service will be at 3:00pm at FCC. Please be in prayer for the family.

CONDOLENCES Our condolences to the Clark family with the death of Jill Hayes.

BLUE SUNDAY At the beginning of the year I was invited to serve on the Board of Directors of the Sunshine Center. The beginning of the year also marked the merger of the Sunshine Center and Family Abuse Services, Inc. Thus, domestic abuse, child abuse and related issues are now being addressed by The Sunshine Center. In my work on the Board, I have become aware of Blue Sunday, a day when churches are encouraged to address abuse in its many forms. Today is Blue Sunday. While the overall focus of the service will not be on the Center nor on specific types of abuse, I hope to lift up domestic abuse and child abuse as important issues which traditionally have been neglected in many churches. Dr. Opsata

DOWNTOWN DERBY CELEBRATION Saturday, May 5, 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— SAVE THE DATE—CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Thursday, June 14 (5:00pm-8:00pm)

Friday, June 15 (5:00pm-8:00pm)

Saturday, June 16 (9:00am-12:00pm)

Did you know that VBS is FCC's best opportunity for Inter-generational 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. Registration forms are available in the church office.

SING TO THE LORD MUSIC CAMP

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.



WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP (WEF) MAY SCHEDULE

May Mission Project: Cleaning Supplies for Simon House

May 2 Derby Celebration

May 9 Early Choir

First Families

Praying in Color

May 16 Worship in the Chapel

May 23 Cookout in the Parking Lot

Last WEF for the Season—Bring a friend!

Sunday, April 29

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 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 5

9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)
9:00-1:00 Derby Celebration (Parking Lot)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8:00 am—3:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am—3:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am—3:00 pm
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. 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