

8:30 AM

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Gathering Music		Dr. Bob Blair
Welcome & Life of the Church		Rev. Meredith Siler
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>“He Lives!”</i>	#226
*Gathering Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 133	
Sing Along		
Scripture Reading	John 20:19-31	
Sermon	A Reasonable Doubt	Rev. Siler
Invitation to Discipleship		
Hymn of Discipleship	<i>“Trust and Obey”</i>	Steve Siler
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Morning Prayer		Rev. Siler
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	<i>“Come, Share the Lord”</i>	#408
Elder’s Prayer		Raymond Webb
Partaking of the Lord’s Supper		
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Benediction		
*Postlude		Dr. Bob Blair

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Prelude		Dr. Bob Blair
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>“He Lives!”</i>	#226
*Greeting and Gathering Chorus	<i>“This Is the Day”</i>	#286
*Gathering Litany		Nelson Henderson
Leader:	God has made this day.	
People:	Let us rejoice and be glad.	
Leader:	The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
All:	Glory be to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ, and to Spirit our comfort. Amen.	
*Gathering Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (unison)		
Nelson Henderson		
Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, bringing new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others’ needs. We continue to live in ways which do not lead to peace and justice. Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ the Risen One 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 133	Nelson Henderson
Special Music	<i>“Guide My Feet, Lord”</i> arr. John Carter	Chancel Choir Dr. Carl Smith, Director

Children’s Blessing		Elle Travis
<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. Meredith Siler
Offertory		
*Doxology		#48
*Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture	John 20:19-31	Rev. Siler
Sermon	A Reasonable Doubt	Rev. Siler
Invitation to Discipleship		
Hymn of Discipleship	<i>“Trust and Obey”</i>	Steve Siler
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Morning Prayer		
Russ McClure		
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		
Communion Hymn	<i>“Come, Share the Lord”</i>	#408
Invitation to Communion		Rev. Siler
Words of Institution and Prayer		Nancy Walton Mike Grammer
Partaking of the Lord’s Supper		
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Benediction		Rev. Siler
*Sending Forth	<i>“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”</i>	#433
*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 Coblins (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), 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 Anna Merle Circle in memory of Anna Merle Vansant.

THANK YOU Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, texts, emails, and personal conversations that expressed condolences upon the recent death of my sister, Phyllis. The thoughtfulness of my church family certainly helps to endure this time of sadness. Your kindness is appreciated very much. Larry Cox

THANK YOU We were happy to unveil FCC's new Nursery on Easter Sunday and it was filled to the brim with babies and toddlers ready to play and learn. A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in helping us make this project possible! **Monetary donations are still needed. Just mark your check in the memo line—Nursery.**

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.

KEENAGERS!!! Save the date... this month we will meet on the **4th Thursday, April 26.** Details to come.

SAVE THE DATES—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!

PASTORAL CARE The Frankfort Regional Medical Center can no longer release the names of patients to the elders and pastors. We do want to be able to bring pastoral care to those in need. Please contact the church directly if you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital, or call the church office if you know of someone in need of pastoral care. If on the weekend, contact Dr. Opsata or Rev. Siler directly.

L.I.F.E. HOUSE FOR ANIMALS NEEDS YOUR HELP! Please bring your newspapers to the church office and place in the basket that is marked accordingly. Thank you for your help!

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP (WEF) SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Food, Fellowship and Fun!

April Project: Monetary donations for First Christian Church Nursery

- April 11** Early Choir Rehearsal
First Families
Praying in Color
- April 18** Worship in the Chapel
- April 25** Bible Study with Dr. Opsata

Sunday, April 8

- 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 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

- 11:30 Staff Meeting
- 12:00 Al Anon (Keystone)
- 5:30 AA Meeting (Keystone)
- 7:00 Anna Merle Circle
- 7:00 Tubman Nunnally Circle (Joyce Albro's Home)

Wednesday, April 11

- 4:00 Little Acorns
 - 5:00 Children's Choir
 - 5:30 Fellowship Meal (CCLC)
 - 6:15 Early Choir Rehearsal
First Families (Dr. O's Classroom)
Praying in Color (Chapel)
Kid's Corner (Ms. Elle)
JYF (Ms. Maurya)*
Chi-Rho (Ms. Trina)
- *JYF meets on the 3rd Wednesday

Thursday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 14

- 9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)

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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