



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

March 1st, 2026

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Welcome Visitors! We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, *everyone*.

I. Prelude (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Gary Cantwell)

- Today – Fellowship will be hosted by Barbara Poetker, Tuula Hall, Tom Shifflet, and Lisa Blann in honor of March Birthdays in **Fireside** following our worship service; Safe Space leaves
- Tuesday – 10:45 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 7 p.m. Church Board hybrid meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom.
- Wednesday – Ecumenical Lenten Soup Supper at Faith Lutheran Church with a class on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving in the sanctuary at 5:15 p.m., Soup supper at 6:15 p.m., and Worship at 7 p.m.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in our FCC Room 6, and Zoom
- Saturday – All Church Work Day begins at 9 a.m.; 1 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Alumni Potluck in Fireside
- Printed Lenten Devotionals are on the tables near the bulletins

- Please see the back of your bulletins for the calendar
- Offerings may be put on the offering plate near the bulletins near the sanctuary's entrance

IV. Call to Worship (Gary Cantwell)

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves *all* of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship.

We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

V. Greeting One Another

VI. Opening Hymn – Table of Grace #19 “Let It Shine” (Joshua Hegg)

Let it shine let it shine

The light of the world that shows the way

Let it shine let it shine

And show us peace today

The church bears witness to God's grace
 Its mission crystal clear
 To show the world God's human face
 A world that God holds dear

Let it shine let it shine
 The light of the world that shows the way
 Let it shine let it shine
 And show us peace today

When love replaces human greed
 A lasting peace will come
 As hands reach out to human need
 From hearts no longer numb

Let it shine let it shine
 The light of the world that shows the way
 Let it shine let it shine
 And show us peace today

Now let us give ourselves to God
 Within this war-torn world
 And work till justice walks abroad
 With flags of peace unfurled

Let it shine let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine let it shine
And show us peace today

VII. Call to Confession

Family of faith,
we long to love others as God loves us,
but that work is easier said than done.
We lose our way.
We become distracted.
We grow fearful.
We *need* God's grace.
Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and
abundantly given.
So join me in the Prayer of Confession.
Join me in being transformed.

VIII. Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?
Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?
Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?
Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?
Did we come up with every excuse in the book?
God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.

But we must admit, we have a long way to go.
Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

IX. Words of Forgiveness

Faith family,
even when we act with judgment,
even when we are guided by fear,
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,
God does not turn God's back on us.
So join me in this good-news declaration:
We are seen.
We are forgiven.
We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.

**X. Children in Fourth Grade and Under are
Dismissed for Sunday School**

**XI. Scripture Reading Matthew 25:35-40
(NRSVUE) (Gary Cantwell)**

for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

**XII. Scripture Reading Luke 7:36-50 (NRSVUE)
(Gary Cantwell)**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee’s house he reclined to dine. And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her

hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” “A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who

even forgives sins?” But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

XIII. Sermon -- “Great Love for God and Neighbor” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIV. Song of Invitation – CH #344 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (Joshua Hegg)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?
No turning back, No turning back.

XV. Moments for Mission

XVI. Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
The glory forever, Amen.

XVII. Response CH # 306 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace.
Amen.

XVIII. Communion Song --CH #424 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” (Joshua Hegg)

I’m gonna eat at the welcome table
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu

I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu

I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu

XIX. Institution of Communion (Georgia Nelson, elder)

XX. Partaking Communion Together

XXI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XXII. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What else should I know?** We’d love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you’ll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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Online: 11 Sanctuary: 54 **Total: 65**

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March 1st-8th, 2026

Next Sunday—Safe Space Winter Shelter leaves

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, **Fireside**
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center (SCC)

Tuesday

- 10:45 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board hybrid meeting, Chapel and Zoom

Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
- Ecumenical Lenten Soup Supper at Faith Lutheran Church (667 E. 1st Ave.): 5:15 p.m. Class on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving in the sanctuary; 6:15 p.m. Soup supper; 7:00 p.m. Worship

Thursday

- 8:30 am Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner;
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study begins, Room 6 and Zoom

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. All Church Work Day
- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 1:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Alumni Potluck, Fireside

Next Sunday—Scout Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center (SCC)