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## Lectionary Readings: March 1-31, 2023

Wednesday, March 1, 2023: Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14

Thursday, March 2, 2023: Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Friday, March 3, 2023: Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, March 4, 2023: Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10

Sunday, March 5, 2023: Second Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 6, 2023: Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday, March 7, 2023: Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13

Wednesday, March 8, 2023: Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11

Thursday, March 9, 2023: Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23

Friday, March 10, 2023: Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22

Saturday, March 11, 2023: Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6

Sunday, March 12, 2023: Third Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 13, 2023: Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13

Tuesday, March 14, 2023: Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wednesday, March 15, 2023: Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39

Thursday, March 16, 2023: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32

Friday, March 17, 2023: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9

Saturday, March 18, 2023: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9

Sunday, March 19, 2023: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 20, 2023: Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20

Tuesday, March 21, 2023: Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday, March 22, 2023: Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34

Thursday, March 23, 2023: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11

Friday, March 24, 2023: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday, March 25, 2023: Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday, March 25, 2023: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, March 26, 2023: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 27, 2023: Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12

Tuesday, March 28, 2023: Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10

Wednesday, March 29, 2023: Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33

Thursday, March 30, 2023: Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11

Friday, March 31, 2023: Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30

## Pastor's Class Scheduled

Pastor Dedrick will be holding a Pastor's Class this spring which is open to any kids turning nine years old in 2023, or older. The classes will meet on Saturdays at 10:30am in the church office on March 18, March 25, and April 1, with Baptism and Confession of Faith to follow on Palm Sunday, April 2. Any parents interested in registering their young people for this class should reach out to the church office at either 225-926-4175 or via email to [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org).

## Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 12th. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead 1 hour** before retiring Saturday so you'll be on time for church!!

## Easter Cantata

If you are interested in participating in the Easter Cantata, please contact Aaron Turnipseed and let him know. Our Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Singers and musicians are welcome and appreciated! This year's cantata, which will be performed on Palm Sunday, April 2, is entitled "The Seven Last Days" by Joel Rainey. The Chancel Choir will perform, with Aaron Turnipseed, Director of Music, conducting. Dr. Trey Earle will be the narrator.

## LOLL (Lots of Living Left)

The LOLL (Lots of Living Left) group will meet in the Youth Building on Wednesday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. After a short meeting, they will go to Middendorfs for lunch. Everyone 60+ years of age is invited to join in the fun and fellowship. Contact Tom & Lucy Cody if you have any questions.

## Order Your Easter Lilies!!

An order form will be included in Sunday bulletins so you can order lilies in memory or honor of your loved ones. You can also contact the church office to place an order. Each plant costs \$25 and the deadline to order is Sunday, April 2.

## Maundy Thursday Service

Our Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday, April 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please mark your calendars to attend this special worship service. We are in need of 8 scripture readers for the program. If you'd like to participate, please contact the church office.



## Outreach at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you** for your kind & caring generosity!



### SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES Emphasis for March March

Everybody needs a little something special for their birthday. So let's make a birthday cake pan or gift bag! Recipients will be able to make a Sprite birthday cake -- directions will be added to the kits. We are asking for donations to put together the pan/gift bag or you can provide a completed kit if you prefer. Each kit should include a cake mix, 12oz can of Sprite (1), frosting, and a small package of birthday candles. Place the items in a birthday gift bag or a disposal 9x12 cake pan and place in the narthex grocery cart.

## God's Not Dead: Evidence for God in An Age of Uncertainty

This free live event on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University will be held March 23 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Theater. The speakers are Dr. Rice Brooks, author of the book *God's Not Dead* and Dr. Eric Hedin a physics professor at the University of Washington whose course *The Boundaries of Science* garnered national attention. A question and answer period will follow. For more information about this event, visit [www.godisnotdeadevents.org](http://www.godisnotdeadevents.org).

## Evangelism in 2023: Why and How

Interested in growing our church? Think our evangelism efforts need a Monster energy drink? Then, the free seminar "Evangelism in 2023: Why and How" may interest you. It is a three-part workshop conducted over Zoom to reacquaint congregations with the spiritual roots of evangelism and help them explore ways to engage members and seekers in our communities regarding spiritual needs, faith and sharing the good news. It is being offered through the Great River Region's Bailey Institute of Learning.

Unfortunately, we've missed the first session, but Session 2 will be on March 18 from 9 a.m. till noon. It will focus on whether we as Christians and Disciples of Christ congregations have what people need, as well as how we engage those in spiritual need with our faith and witness. Session 3 will be on April 22 and will focus on how we share experiences which engage people with the Gospel and where do we go from here.

Facilitators for the workshop are Rev. Vanessa Falgoust and Rev. Vanessa Bostick. Falgoust, is a Hammond native, who graduated from TCU, received her MDiv from Yale University, and once served as a missionary to Zaire. Bostick, is a Phillips Theological Seminary graduate. She serves as senior minister at First Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas and as a member of the GRR Executive Board and the GRR DWF Board. To register for the workshop, visit <https://grrdisciples.org/evangelism/>

## Greetings, Church Family:

### Lent

The season of Lent began on Wednesday, Feb. 22, which in the Western tradition, is six and a half weeks before Easter and provides a 40-day period for fasting and abstinence (Sundays excluded) in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry.

The practice of Lent was not formalized until the First Council of Nicaea in 325 CE. It was considered to be a time of preparation for candidates for baptism and a time of penance for sinners who had been excluded from Communion and were preparing for restoration.

In the early centuries of Lent, fasting rules were strict. One meal a day was allowed in the evening, and meat, fish, eggs, and butter were forbidden. Such rules were gradually relaxed until being dispensed with for Catholics during World War II. Now, Catholics are only expected to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

### **Fun facts about Lent: Pinatas and Pretzels**

Pinatas began in Italy as a Lenten tradition and were then adopted by the Spanish and brought to Mexico where they became associated with parties. According to Baylor University professor Michael Foley, the original pinata had seven cones, representing the seven deadly sins. If you could "defeat" the seven deadly sins, then you got heavenly rewards in the form of candy.

In the early Middle Ages, Lenten fasting required giving up meat and dairy, so pretzels became popular. Foley says parents used to give them to children as treats for good behavior. The twisty shape is meant to represent "arms folded in prayer," says Foley.

Often people associate Lent with giving something up. I like how Wendy Speake characterizes it: "Exchange what can never satisfy you for the only thing that can."

***Carol Mader, Board Chair***

## SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Please check your worship assignments in advance and arrange for a sub in the case of a scheduling conflict. We appreciate that very much! You can check assignments [online, here](#), or contact Brenda in the church office at 225-926-4175.

### March 5, 2023

*Church Opening* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Sacraments* Kay Everly Averette  
*Greeter* Ed Atkins  
*Deacons* Ed Atkins, Ashley Bourgeois, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell  
*Liturgist* Kristin Morgan  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala  
*Children's Moment* Ashley Bourgeois  
*Elder* Carol Madere  
*Video Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Sound Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Nicolas Morgan  
*Church Closing* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Program Builder* Brenda Hilgendorf

### March 19, 2023

*Church Opening* David Fennell  
*Sacraments* Kay Everly Averette  
*Greeter* Steve Gibson  
*Deacons* Ashley Bourgeois, Steve Gibson, Lorry Trotter, Anderson Krupala  
*Liturgist* Ed Atkins  
*Youth Reader* Callie Cody  
*Children's Moment* Nancy Fatta  
*Elder* Trey Earle  
*Video Tech* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Pam Jones  
*Church Closing* Cathi Pourciau  
*Program Builder* Carol Madere

### March 12, 2023

*Church Opening* Charles Riddle  
*Sacraments* Kay Everly Averette  
*Greeter* Callie Cody  
*Deacons* Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger  
*Liturgist* Nancy Chapaneri  
*Youth Reader* Brayden Joseph  
*Children's Moment* Tom Cody  
*Elder* Frank Dickinson  
*Video Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Sound Tech* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Livestream* Anderson Krupala  
*Church Closing* Jeff Cody  
*Program Builder* Jeff Cody

### March 26, 2023

*Church Opening* James Morgan  
*Sacraments* Kay Everly Averette  
*Greeter* Nicolas Morgan  
*Deacons* Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro  
*Liturgist* Tracy Shaffer  
*Youth Reader* Leonardo Morgan  
*Children's Moment* Jerry Moses  
*Elder* Vicki Krupala  
*Video Tech* Callie Cody  
*Sound Tech* Pam Jones  
*Livestream* Tom Cody  
*Church Closing* James Morgan  
*Program Builder* Jill Brian

# Prayer List

The following people represent some of the current concerns at First Christian Church. If you would like to have a name added, update a current prayer request, or remove someone from the prayer list, please fill out the prayer request section of our [online check-in page](#), or contact us at [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org), or 225-926-4175. Names generally rotate off after 30, 60, or 90 days without an update, depending on the nature of the original request.

## Members in our prayers:

Ann Baskin, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Melanie Cobb, Pam Culp, Rhonda Culp, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Jeff Judice, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Bill Trotter, Claudia Wagner

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Colette Blanchard, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Clark Burrell, Jodi Donoho, Trudy Graves, Kelly Hepburn Family, Patty Hubeny, Ruth Jernigan Foster, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Eric Krissman, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Nia Maria, Betty Marche, Dawn Minton, Margaret Perez, Missy Perilloux, Debbie Rhodes, Lavada Washington, Ann Weeks

## Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

## March Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Wednesday, March 1	10:00 a.m.	LOLL (Lots of Living Left!) - YB
Sunday, March 5	10:00 a.m.	Children Worship & Wonder
Saturday, March 18	10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Class (Church Office)
Tuesday, March 21	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting (YB)
Thursday, March 23	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women - YB
Saturday, March 25	10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Class (Church Office)
Sunday, March 26	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting - Sanctuary
<i>Ongoing Meetings:</i>		
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	The Study - Adult Bible Study - FH
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels - YB
Thursdays	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Afternoon Bible Study - YB





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## **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:**

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The Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor, *Senior Minister*

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Minister's Hours: Wed. 4-7 pm; Sat. 10:30 am-1:00 pm, and by appointment

Aaron Turnipseed, M.M.P., *Director of Music*

Earl Poole, *Music Worship Leader*

Brenda Hilgendorf, *Administrator/Bookkeeper*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

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**DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS: [Vanderbilt Divinity Library - Year A](#)**