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Lectionary Readings: April 1-30, 2023

Saturday, April 1, 2023: Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34

Sunday, April 2, 2023: Palm/Passion Sunday - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Monday, April 3, 2023: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4, 2023: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 5, 2023: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 6, 2023: Maundy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 7, 2023: Good Friday - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 8, 2023: Holy Saturday - Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

Sunday, April 9, 2023: Resurrection of the Lord - Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

Monday, April 10, 2023: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11

Tuesday, April 11, 2023: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17

Wednesday, April 12, 2023: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10

Thursday, April 13, 2023: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5

Friday, April 14, 2023: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Saturday, April 15, 2023: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20

Sunday, April 16, 2023: Easter 2 - Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Monday, April 17, 2023: Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Tuesday, April 18, 2023: Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Wednesday, April 19, 2023: Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42

Thursday, April 20, 2023: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12

Friday, April 21, 2023: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16

Saturday, April 22, 2023: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14

Sunday, April 23, 2023: Easter 3 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Monday, April 24, 2023: Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25

Tuesday, April 25, 2023: Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3

Wednesday, April 26, 2023: Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14

Thursday, April 27, 2023: Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Friday, April 28, 2023: Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday, April 29, 2023: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7

Sunday, April 30, 2023: Easter 4: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Order Your Easter Lilies!!

An order form will be included in Sunday's bulletins so you can order lilies in memory or honor of your loved ones. You can also contact the church office (email churchoffice@fccbrla.org or phone 225-926-4175) to place an order. Each plant costs \$25 and the deadline to order is this **Sunday, April 2**.

Maundy Thursday Service

Our Maundy Thursday service will be held on **Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Please mark your calendars to attend this special worship service. We are in need of eight scripture readers for the program. If you'd like to participate, please contact the church office: churchoffice@fccbrla.org or phone 225-926-4175.

Easter Pastries & Coffee Fellowship

Our **Easter celebration** will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with pastries and coffee, and visiting with Mary & Paul Thompson who will be visiting with us from Georgia. Our celebration of the Resurrection is in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Stained Glass at First Christian Church

We have a new page on our website at fccbrla.org featuring photos and information about the stained glass installations, based on the research conducted and graciously shared with us by Tom Moore. The chancel window, entrance glass, octagonal windows, and side panels are all included. View and read more at fccbrla.org/stained-glass.

Fellowship Events - from Carol Madere

Every Sunday, Pastor Dedrick says he is excited to see what God will do among us. I look forward to that as well, and I think it's time for us as a congregation to explore the many ways we can have fellowship as we work together to serve the Lord.

One way we've always enjoyed having fellowship is our fellowship luncheons. Wouldn't it be great if we had those more often? Starting on Palm Sunday, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for people to volunteer to help with one fellowship event this year. If you can come and set up tables, or heat and set out the food, or just clean up afterwards, please volunteer. We also need one person to organize the volunteers by keeping up with the volunteer sheet and reminding the volunteers when their event is scheduled. Many hands make light work, so please help our community break bread together.

If you miss the chance to sign up in the narthex, please [email the church office](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org) or me at cmadere@selu.edu.

Fellowship doesn't have to be limited to luncheons, though. If you have ideas about other fellowship events throughout the year, please contribute those as well. We could have movie nights, pokeno, ice cream socials, whatever. Let's have some fun this year!



Outreach at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

A special Outreach Project

Meredith Taliaferro, a senior at Saint Michael School, is doing a social injustice project at her school for her senior project. Her topic is, "What are the struggles for those who seek to adopt in America and what can be done to help alleviate these struggles?" She is coordinating an outreach opportunity with Foster Village to help them obtain needed personal bath and clothing supplies to assist children in the Louisiana foster program. The Foster Village goal is to, "...equip local children who have been separated from their homes in a traumatic event all free of charge. Our mission is to make sure that every child that has been moved from their home is clothed with dignity [and] given something of their own since most have lost everything." Meredith's drive concludes on **Easter Sunday, April 9**. Please bring your donations to the church foyer/narthex.

Assignments, cont'd from page 6

April 30, 2023

Church Opening Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Ashley Bourgeois
Deacons Ed Atkins, Ashley Bourgeois, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell
Liturgist Vicki Krupala
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala

Children's Moment Pam Comeaux
Elder Lucy Cody
Video Tech Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Pam Jones
Church Closing Cathi Pourciau
Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

Do You Have A High School or College Graduate?

We will be honoring high school and college graduates from December 2022 through May 2023 in worship service on **Sunday, May 14**. If you have someone who is graduating please let the church office know so they can be recognized on Graduation Sunday.

Children Worship and Wonder

Due to the Palm Sunday cantata and Baptisms occurring on the first Sunday of April, *Children Worship and Wonder* will **not** meet in April.

The Study on Sunday Mornings

"The Study" meets in the Fellowship Hall classroom each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., and is led by Dak McInnis. Join in anytime! Currently, the class is studying and sharing from the Book of Proverbs.

LOLL Gathering



The *Lots of Living Left* group will meet on **Wednesday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Building for coffee and fellowship. Then, they'll go out to lunch. Pictured, left, is a photo of the group during their expedition to Middendorf's, last month.



We Are
Witnesses
Acts 10:39

Disciples Mission Fund Easter Offering

Several times a year, congregations receive a special offering to support the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These gifts are given above and beyond the regular core support of Disciples Mission Fund.

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on **April 2 & 9, 2023**, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Please put "DMF/Easter Offering" on the memo line of your check to FCC.

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.

April 2, 2023

Church Opening Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Ashley Bourgeois
Deacons Ed Atkins, Ashley Bourgeois, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell
Liturgist Lucy Cody
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Moment Judy Lester
Elder Chris Culp
Video Tech Nicolas Morgan
Sound Tech Joshua Dotts
Livestream Charles Riddle
Church Closing Judy Lester
Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

April 16, 2023

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Anderson Krupala
Deacons Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Ashley Bourgeois, Lorry Trotter
Liturgist Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Tip Tipton
Elder Tony Fatta
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Carmen Jones
Livestream Frank Dickinson
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder Carol Madere

April 9, 2023

Church Opening Charles Riddle
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Jeff Cody
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger
Liturgist Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader Brayden Joseph
Children's Moment Chris Culp
Elder Judy Lester
Video Tech Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech Tony Fatta
Livestream Brenda Hilgendorf
Church Closing Tony Fatta
Program Builder Jeff Cody

April 23, 2023

Church Opening James Morgan
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Doug Shaffer
Deacons Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro
Liturgist Nancy Fatta
Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan
Children's Moment Carol Madere
Elder Sherry McInnis
Video Tech Jeff Cody
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Frank Dickinson
Church Closing Jeff Cody
Program Builder Jill Brian

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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, 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:

Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Melanie Cobb, Pam Culp, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Jane Johnson, Carmen Jones, Jeff Judice, Lindsay Kelly, Marie Ladner, Wanda Lax, BJ McRae, Brandon Miguez, 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, Trudy Graves, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Ruth Jernigan, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Betty Marche, Dawn Minton, Missy Perilloux, Debbie Rhodes, the family of Brandon Taylor, John Townsend, Ann Weeks

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

April Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Saturday, April 1	10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Class - Church Office
Sunday, April 2	10:00 a.m..	Easter Cantata & Service of Baptism
Wednesday, April 5	10:00 a.m.	LOLL - YB then lunch offsite
Thursday, April 6	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary
Sunday, April 9	9:00 a.m.	Easter Coffee & Pastries - FH
Thursday, April 27	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women - YB
Sunday, April 30	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting - Sanctuary

Ongoing Meetings:

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*

Email: dedrick@fccbrla.org

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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