

# First Christian Caller

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# What's Happening in March?

## Easter Brunch

We will have an Easter Brunch in the Fellowship Hall on PALM SUNDAY, March 24 immediately following worship. We will serve a continental breakfast buffet. We are asking the congregation to bring their favorite breakfast casserole or pastry to share. Meat and beverages will be provided. Invite your friends and families to join us for the Easter Cantata and breakfast. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthax.

## Easter Egg Hunt

We're having an Easter Egg Hunt! Come and bring your kids, grandkids, and little friends to join us on SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Find a golden egg and get a special prize. Bring your basket! Snacks provided.(NOTE: YOU MIGHT HAVE TO CHANGE LOCATION TO YOUTH BUILDING IF FELLOWSHIP HALL IS UNAVAILABLE.)

# What's Happening in March?

## Palm Sunday Cantata

We would like everyone to join us in remembering MAUNDY THURSDAY at a special service on the evening of March 28 at 6:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples, His washing of the disciples feet in an act of servitude and love, and His betrayal by one of them. This service reminds us of the importance of humility, selflessness, and service to others. The word maundy comes from the Latin for mandate or commandment. This day is named after Jesus' commandment to His disciples to love one another. Come and worship.

## Maundy Thursday Service

FCC Music Team and Choir will be preparing for the Palm Sunday Cantata for the March 24th Service. We would love everyone to join us for this service and brunch after.

## March Meetings

- **Children Worship and Wonder** will begin meeting every Sunday until summertime, during the worship service. All kids, ages 3-11, are invited to participate in this worship experience for youth.
- **Disciples Women** will meet on **Thursday, March 28th in the Youth Building.**
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals occur in the Sanctuary every **Wednesday at 6:30pm.**
- **Finance Committee Meeting** will occur **Tuesday, March 12th 6:30p.m.** in the Youth Building.
- **Board Meeting** will occur **Tuesday, March 19th 6:30p.m.** in the Youth Building.

## The Study on Sunday Mornings

"The Study" meets **each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.** How would you like for EVERYTHING you do to prosper? Join us this, and every Sunday, in THE STUDY for a delightful 45 minutes of God's WORD, prayer and fellowship. Each week learn more about the goodness, kindness and richness of God's Grace through Jesus Christ; how to live it, how to give it - guaranteed to prosper! Come join with us, 9:00 AM, Youth Building, First Christian Church. All are welcome.

## Next Book Club Meeting

The FCC Book Club will meet next on **Sunday, March 3 at Newk's at 11:30 a.m.** Our book will be "The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers.

## March 31 2023

<i>Church Opening</i>	James Morgan
<i>Sacraments</i>	Sally Bremer
<i>Liturgist</i>	Chris Culp
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Rev. Tom Cody
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Leonardo Morgan
<i>Elder</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Greeter</i>	Gene Schilf
<i>Deacons</i>	Gene Schilf, Esther Schilf, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell
<i>Livestream</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Video Tech</i>	Greg Taliaferro
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Church Closing</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Program Builder</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf

## From The Board Chair

The Board met for the first time in 2024 on January 30. The members were very excited about the future of our church and had many discussions concerning upcoming events, services, and improvements to our campus.

The construction on our Fellowship Hall is almost complete. Some work remaining includes installation of carpet, loading in the kitchen supplies and relocating furniture. A big job will be the process of disposing of unneeded items we have accumulated over the years. Thanks to Charles, Jerry, Amy and Mike for heading up this huge project.

Special services and events are planned to celebrate Easter. These include Palm Sunday Cantata and brunch, Maundy Thursday Service, and a glorious Easter Sunday.

We have been renting our facilities to outside groups over the years and have recently added a few more to that list. We are currently hosting a school, yoga group, Weight Watchers, several twelve step groups, and community meetings.

We will be hosting the Regional Assembly for the Great River Region this November. A general sprucing up of our campus is underway. An overhaul of the Narthax has been started and will be fully revealed in the coming weeks.

These are just a couple of examples of things happening at FCC. I am thrilled at how our members are all coming together, taking pride in our church home and working to support our Pastor in making First Christian a great place to worship.

## March Birthdays

Ann Achord	03/25
Judy Albin	03/25
Ernie Buhler	03/29
Cora Cody	03/13
Gloria Giammanco	03/12
Brenda Hilgendorf	03/10
Ann Landry	03/13
Judy Lester	03/21
Sherry McInnis	03/27
Helen Rankin	03/19
Michael Rankin	03/31
Charles Riddle	03/24
Flo Rink	03/20
Meredith Taliaferro	03/08
Phyllis Willis	03/02

## March Anniversaries

Dak and Sherry McInnis	03/09
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## Note of Appreciation

Dear Dedrick, I was very touched by your sermon on Ash Wednesday as I was for All Saints Day. I am part of the services on Sunday on YouTube every week. These two sermons helped me the most. Thank you for all you do for our congregation, it means so much to so many. Those of us watching the service on T.V. do not give you enough feedback about how much it means to us.

- Margaret Moore

## A New Look for the Narthex

Updating and refreshing the Narthex will be a two-fold project.

First, we will repaint and freshen our look to be more inviting and welcoming, much like the foyers in your own homes. We will implement better ways to display our magazines, brochures and other informational items.

Second, we will be using two of the walls to display religious artwork. We will ask the congregation to let us borrow their own artwork to display for a short time on a rotating basis. The art can be something from your family, your own creation, or something you purchased. You can supply a note about the piece if you wish. The donor's name will be displayed.

-Nancy Fatta

## Lectionary Readings: March 1-31, 2024

Friday, March 1, 2024: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40

Saturday, March 2, 2024: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8

Sunday, March 3, 2024: Third Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 4, 2024: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Tuesday, March 5, 2024: Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28

Wednesday, March 6, 2024: Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19

Thursday, March 7, 2024: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6

Friday, March 8, 2024: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14

Saturday, March 9, 2024: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13

Sunday, March 10, 2024: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 11, 2024: Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Wednesday, March 13, 2024: Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20

Thursday, March 14, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13

Friday, March 15, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Saturday, March 16, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11

Sunday, March 17, 2024: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 18, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24

Wednesday, March 20, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50

Thursday, March 21, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11

Friday, March 22, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18

Saturday, March 23, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Sunday, March 24, 2024: Liturgy of the Palms

Sunday, March 24, 2024: Liturgy of the Passion

Monday, March 25, 2024: Annunciation of the Lord

Monday, March 25, 2024: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, March 26, 2024: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday, March 27, 2024: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, March 28, 2024: Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29, 2024: Good Friday

Saturday, March 30, 2024: Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31, 2024: Easter Vigil

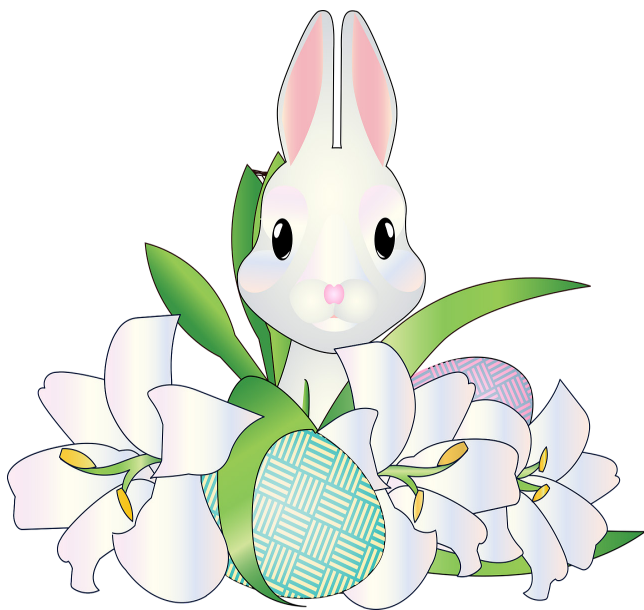
Sunday, March 31, 2024: Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 31, 2024: Easter Evening



## Church Growth Happenings

The Church Growth Committee is looking forward to bringing back FCC's always popular Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, the Saturday before Easter. It is the first of several events the committee has discussed hosting this year. We believe the hospitality of this church is a big reason people join, so the more opportunities to offer that hospitality, the better. We really hope the congregation will support our efforts both by attending the events and by bringing a child, a grandchild, a neighbor, or a friend. Fellowship events are great ways for introducing people to our congregation in a low pressure, friendly way. Also, we encourage you to be attuned to those of your acquaintance who seem like they may be searching for a church home. Whether he or she is a new neighbor or an old friend, invite them to come to church with you. Sometimes, all people need is an invitation.



### Easter Lillies

Order your Easter lillies by filling out the order form in the bulletins on Sunday's. They will be \$20 each. Last day to order will be Sunday, March 24th.

## 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 3, 2023

*Church Opening* James Morgan  
*Sacraments* Sally Bremer  
*Liturgist* Tom Cody  
*Children's Moment* Ashley Bourgeois  
*Youth Reader* Leo Morgan  
*Elder* Ashley Bourgeois  
*Greeter* David Fennell  
*Deacons* Esther Schilf, Gene Schilf, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell  
*Livestream* Aaron Taliaferro  
*Video Tech* Nicolas Morgan  
*Sound Tech* Joshua Dotts  
*Church Closing* Nancy Fatta  
*Program Builder* Brenda Hilgendorf

### March 17, 2023

*Church Opening* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Sacraments* Sally Bremer  
*Liturgist* Ashley Bourgeois  
*Children's Moment* Pam Comeaux  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala  
*Elder* Chris Culp  
*Greeter* Steve Gibson  
*Deacons* Anderson Krupala, Kinzley McCoy, Lorry Trotter, Steve Gibson  
*Livestream* Nicolas Morgan  
*Video Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Sound Tech* Tony Fatta  
*Church Closing* Charles Riddle  
*Program Builder* Dr. Carol Madere

### March 10, 2023

*Church Opening* David Fennell  
*Sacraments* Sally Bremer  
*Liturgist* Nancy Fatta  
*Children's Moment* Tracy Shaffer  
*Youth Reader* Cora Cody  
*Elder* Rev. Tom Cody  
*Greeter* Jeff Cody  
*Deacons* Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger  
*Livestream* Aaron Taliaferro  
*Video Tech* Frank Dickinson  
*Sound Tech* Carmen Jones  
*Church Closing* Tony Fatta  
*Program Builder* Jeff Cody

### March 24 2023

*Church Opening* Charles Riddle  
*Sacraments* Sally Bremer  
*Liturgist* Trey Earle  
*Children's Moment* Nancy Fatta  
*Youth Reader* Brynleigh Comeaux  
*Elder* Frank Dickinson  
*Greeter* Joann Taliaferro  
*Deacons* Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Dr. Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Charles Riddle  
*Video Tech* Callie Cody  
*Sound Tech* Pam Jones  
*Church Closing* James Morgan  
*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](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org), or 225-926-4175. Names generally rotate off after 30 days.

## Members in our prayers:

The Family of Claudia Wagner, The Family of Tom Moore, Tony Babin and Family, Ashley Bourgeois, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Nancy Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom Cody, The Family of Pam Culp, Frank Dickinson, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Sue Grigg, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Clayton Johnson, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Jeff Judice, Marie Ladner, David and Ann Landry, Charlene Landry, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, James Morgan Family, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Scott Sanders, Glen Tetrick, Bill & Lorry Trotter, Abbey Weselak.

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

The Family of Tim Buhler, The Family of Jeremy Lee, The Family of Fred Miller, Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Stanley Bihm, Colette Blanchard, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Viola Bradshaw, Debra Broome, Jennifer Cangelosi, Vince DeSalvo, Don Fontenot, Mary Ann Giacone, Trudy Graves, Bill Hebert, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Jim Jablonski, Ruth Jernigan, Cindy L, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Betty Marche, Linda Medine, Dawn Minton, Cindy Moon, Aubrey Moran, Missy Perilloux, Marsha Pleasant, Christopher Sanders, Savannah Smith, Ramilla Soni, Willa Jo Fowler, John Townsend, Joshua Dale Watson

## March Calendar Notes

Tuesday, March 12	06:30p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (Youth Building)
Tuesday, March 28	06:30p.m.	Board Meeting (Youth Building)
Sunday, March 24	11:00a.m.	Easter Brunch (FH)
Thursday, March 28	09:30a.m.	Disciple's Women (Youth Building)
Thursday, March 28	06:30p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
Saturday, March 30	10:00a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt (FH)

### Ongoing Meetings:

Sundays	9:00a.m.	The Study - Adult Bible Study
Sundays	10:30a.m.	Children's Worship and Wonder
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels - YB



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**SERVICE AT 10:00 AM EACH SUNDAY - IN PERSON and ONLINE**

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

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

Email: [dedrick@fccbrla.org](mailto: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, *Bookkeeper*

Alyson Coyle, *Admin. Ass't.*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

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