

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18TH

Children of God

1 John 3:1-7

Hymns: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching

ALL WORSHIP OPTIONS: 3 WAYS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 9:30AM:

On-site, in-person worship has resumed in the Sanctuary at 9:30am. Masks and social-distancing are required.

An RSVP is needed for all attending.

Childcare now available - please note in your RSVP. To RSVP call the office or visit firstchristian.org/worship-rsvp.

AT-HOME ONLINE: Watch the recording of the live service—available late on Sunday via the email/YouTube channel/FCC Facebook page.

"First Christian Church (Columbia, Missouri)"

AT-HOME LITURGY: Provided in this newsletter.



the **VISITOR**

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OUR MISSION
**To know God and
follow Jesus Christ.**

Baptisms This Sunday

April 18 in the 9:30am Worship Service



The 2021 Baptism Class will be divided up between two Sundays in the coming weeks. This week we will baptize, welcome into membership, and commune with the first group including: Aubrey Schomaker, Jodie Silverwood, Alex Johnson, Brady Marrero, and Sam Pine. The second group will be baptized on May 9.

Annual Stewardship Campaign

April 18 - May 16

Week One: Giving & Taxes

As we appreciate the blossoming spring and wrap up the 2020 tax season, we also turn to consider stewardship for First Christian Church for the next fiscal year. There have been tax changes over the past few years and careful tax planning may really be beneficial and impactful for you. As an example, those who are taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from retirement plans should take special note of a provision in the tax code that allows you to satisfy some or all of your RMDs using what are known as Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). Required Distributions are fully-taxed as ordinary income when you make the distribution. Under tax provisions that went into effect in 2017, many individuals can no longer itemize their deductions and thus they do not get to deduct their gifts to charities such as First Christian. The amount that you distribute to charity via the QCD offsets your RMD and is not taxable as income. It reduces the tax impact of the distribution and still satisfies the amount that you are required to take. This is a key

benefit to you and should be considered if you are making charitable contributions and also taking Required Minimum Distributions. Below is a link to an article from the March 14, 2021, Columbia Tribune that explains the strategy in more detail. It is important to consult your tax advisor to see how this will impact you.

-Stewardship & Finance Department

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

- On-Site Worship Service, 9:30am
- Baptism Sunday, 9:30am, Sanctuary
- Stewardship Campaign Kickoff
- Coffee Hour, 11am, Zoom
- CYF, 6:30pm, YFH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, Noon, Zoom
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

- Handbell Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

- On-Site Worship Service, 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, 11am, Zoom
- Chi-Rho, 5pm, YFH

Happy Birthday!

April 18 Betty Montgomery

April 19 Max Creasy

April 22 Bobbi McCormack, Annie Stagg

April 23 Josh Garton, Ron Longaker



Live Courageously



A congregation related to
The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
www.disciples.org

Documentary Film Screening & Conversation

Presented by the Open & Affirming Exploration Team

Film: "For They Know Not What They Do"

Two opportunities: the last week of the month – a weekday daytime and weekend evening offered in the FCC 3rd flr. Cinema.

Thursday, April 29th — 3:00pm

Saturday, May 1st — 6:30pm

From the director/producer of "For the Bible Tells Me So," we have a powerful exploration of the intersection of religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity in America. This documentary film is about families loving their LGBTQ+ kids and the nature of welcome as expressed through the church's inclusion of people of all sexual orientations.

After watching the film, time will be spent in open sharing and constructive conversation about what it presents. This opportunity continues our ongoing conversation about welcoming people of all sexual orientations at FCC.

If you are supportive – join us.

If you have questions and need more information – join us.

If you are strongly against – join us.

Plan to attend? Please RSVP online: firstchristian.org/event-rsvp



News of the People

Healing...

Prayers for **Mary Tompson** as she recovers from a Wed. April 14 surgical procedure. Continuing in our prayers this week: **Carol Thomas** (receiving radiation and chemo); **Trish Stagg's** sister **Christine Gonzales** (in Texas, at home receiving dialysis three times a week).

Choirs Return...

We celebrate that rehearsals have resumed for the two choirs at FCC. The Chancel Choir will practice on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in both the Sanctuary and Parlor. The Handbell Choir will practice on Thursdays at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. Masks and social distance will be part of the practicing system. Contact director Michael Sauer for more info: michaelsauer92@gmail.com.

Loaves & Fishes...

Our church will serve at Loaves & Fishes on Monday, April 26. For more information, contact Elizabeth Mottaz at elmottaz@cpsk12.org.

Share Your Prayer Concerns Online...

A new way of sharing your prayers — concerns, celebrations and more is via the new church website. The prayers shared online go to the office staff/ ministers. They can be designated confidential if so desired. Otherwise, they will be listed on the yellow weekly prayer sheet in the Narthex. Go online to firstchristian.org/prayers to share yours.

Across the Miles...

A few church folks suggested we share Betty Moon's address in Kansas so others might join in celebrating with cards her big birthday coming up next week.

Betty Moon's 90th Birthday - April 25th

8901 W. Silver Hollow Court, Wichita, KS 67205

First Christian Church General Fund Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2020 through March 2021				
	Jul '20 - Mar 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
OFFERINGS	296,408.52	323,420.00	-27,011.48	91.6%
PERMANENT FUND	135,529.15	134,779.15	750.00	100.6%
PROGRAMS	148,537.91	204,111.35	-55,573.44	72.8%
RENTAL	15,052.07	17,532.00	-2,479.93	85.9%
SOURCES - OTHER	5,440.28	2,682.25	2,758.03	202.8%
TRANSFERRED MEMORIAL FUNDS	11,500.00	8,625.00	2,875.00	133.3%
Total Income	612,467.93	691,149.75	-78,681.82	88.6%
Gross Profit	612,467.93	691,149.75	-78,681.82	88.6%
Expense				
ADMINISTRATIVE	322,737.06	346,161.59	-23,424.53	93.2%
ADULT EDUCATION	169.06	712.50	-543.44	23.7%
ADVENT	67.33	525.00	-457.67	12.8%
CHILDREN EDUCATION	1,386.74	1,837.50	-450.76	75.5%
COL. AREA OLDER ADULT MINISTRY	55,340.88	61,638.54	-6,297.66	89.8%
COMMUNICATION	12,257.91	13,350.02	-1,092.11	91.8%
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	0.00	412.50	-412.50	0.0%
EVANGELISM	0.00	2,100.00	-2,100.00	0.0%
MEMBERSHIP	0.00	2,437.50	-2,437.50	0.0%
MOTHERS DAY OUT	76,024.39	112,639.08	-36,614.69	67.5%
OFFICE	11,732.30	14,317.25	-2,584.95	81.9%
OUTREACH MINISTRIES	21,483.88	24,238.79	-2,754.91	88.6%
PROPERTY	89,221.45	111,462.50	-22,241.05	80.0%
SCHOLARSHIP	13,880.00	12,630.00	1,250.00	109.9%
SERVICE BOARD OF DEACONS/ELDE...	0.00	567.50	-567.50	0.0%
STEWARDSHIP	131.00	0.00	131.00	100.0%
STUDENT MINISTRY	1,386.28	9,675.00	-8,308.72	14.1%
WORSHIP	3,338.85	7,531.25	-4,192.40	44.3%
Total Expense	609,137.13	722,236.52	-113,099.39	84.3%
Net Ordinary Income	3,330.80	-31,086.77	34,417.57	-10.7%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
PPP Loan #1 Forgiveness	121,500.00			
Total Other Income	121,500.00			
Other Expense				
PPP Loan #2 Memorial Transfer	112,300.00			
44365 - Repair Fund Exp. Trf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	112,300.00	0.00	112,300.00	100.0%
Net Other Income	9,200.00	0.00	9,200.00	100.0%
Net Income	12,530.80	-31,086.77	43,617.57	-40.3%

Trivia Night

Sunday, May 2, 6:30pm

Yonker Hall - Tables of Four

General and FCC Trivia

Join the fun—fill a table, join a group

RSVP to church office or online:

firstchristian.org/event-rsvp

Sponsored by the Fellowship Dept.

Home Worship for Sunday, April 18

In the season of home-centeredness, we offer this at-home worship experience. (Different from the YouTube version.) Find a place — space to sit. Pick a view, be comfortable. Light a candle nearby. Gather a Bible, maybe a hymnal. Get your tablet/internet device/tape player/CD and prime a hymn or carol of the season for listening. Get communion—grape juice, wine, any beverage and cracker will do! Be in the spirit of the Holy!

WORD & PRAISE

WELCOME GOD.

Peace be with you.

When fear hung over the disciples as a dark cloud. They huddled in the upper room, spoke in soft whispers, and were afraid of the sound of their own voices.

Peace be with you. Said Jesus.

the Risen Lord, was standing with them, eating with them, talking with them.

Where doubt had reigned, hope now grew.

Where fear and panic had laid claim, faith was again planted in the great miracle of God.

Peace be with you. Peace be with you.

PRAYER. Lord of light and life, be with us now as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness your resurrection. Amen.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.

*Alleluia! Praise the Savior;
with the multitudes above.*

*There the songs of saints and martyrs
thunder like a mighty flood,
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood."*

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

*Alleluia! Christ is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.*

*Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget the promise,
"I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
be on earth our food and stay.*

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

*Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.*

By William Dix (1866)

Tune: HYFRYDOL Chalice Hymnal # 224
(Same tune as *Come, O Long-expected Jesus*)

READ SCRIPTURE. Luke 24:26b-48

MEDITATION. *He says it to us, too.*

Peace be with you! Jesus said this as he showed up unannounced in that secluded place. The disciples were afraid in the days following Jesus' death. They were even more fearful because of the accounts of Jesus' tomb being empty and him meeting others along the road to Emmaus. **Peace be with you!** He says to his friends. The words are meant to greet them in a way that might bring calm and hope, clarity and assurance.

With their eyes, they saw their friend, their teacher. With their ears, they heard again his assurance. With their minds they were reminded of the fulfillment of the scriptures. With their hearts, they shared a meal and had table fellowship. In these simple but concrete ways, a model was established for our shared ministry.

Just when the joy of Easter Sunday is worn a bit and the reality of the future sets in, we, disciples need Jesus to set us on the right path. As he prepares to leave them, he sets them in a good place. Now, they can fully believe having seen his face and heard his voice. They are able to go and believe.

We continue what they began as we seek out the before, during, and afterlife of Jesus' story throughout the year. It seems to always bring us to the table. In these ways, we are the church, members and pastors, disciples on a journey of faith together.

We also know **peace be with you** to be appropriate in our departing. As we have our partings, what a care giving way to bless someone on their way. **Go in peace, may peace be along your journey, you are not alone—the peace of God is your companion.** Amen. (-js)

PRAYER & GREAT THANKSGIVING

BE IN PRAYER. Offer prayer to God in thanks, in confession. Express your needs, share the needs of others. Just say what is in your heart. Amen!

GIVE AN OFFERING. What is it that you can give today? To God, to another, to yourself. Either pause worship and go do it, or make the commitment of giving that will happen today!

COMMUNION. (Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer)

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." Speak and partake of the elements. Then 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 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.*

BENEDICTION. Go, and know the covenant of God proclaimed in Jesus Christ. Live in the good news of resurrection joy and love. Amen.



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Youth Groups

Sundays -- one hour.

*Fellowship Hall. Masks. Distance. Temps
Taken. Letting the air space settle.*

April 18: CYF 6:30pm

April 25: Chi-Rho 5:00pm

May 2: JYF (noon); CYF 6:30pm

May 16 & 23: TBD – park/other events to
be determined

Sunday Coffee Hour

SUNDAYS at 11:00am Zoom or Phone

Join the fellowship of Sunday *virtual coffee
hour*. Pour your coffee and jump online to
visit with other FCC friends.

Join the Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87436739020>

Zoom ID: **874 3673 9020**

Summer Calendar

Vacation Bible School

Sun.-Thurs. evenings

June 20-24



Church Camp

at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence, MO

CYF (9th-12th) June 6-11

Elementary (2nd-5th) June 12-16

Chi Rho (6th-7th) August 1-6

Try-It (parents & children up to 2nd)
August 6-8

at Shannondale Camp, Shannondale, MO

Canoe Camp (6th-12th) July 11-15

8th/9th Gr. Camp about Faith & Bodies
July 11-16

Jimmy will email with registration info. For
more info about camp & COVID-safety go to:
www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer