



the VISITOR

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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

- Two On-Site Worship Services,
8:30 and 10:30am, Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 5

- Deadline for Scholarship Applications

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, Noon, Zoom

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

- On-Site Worship Service, 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, 11am, Zoom

Happy Birthday!

April 4 Laura DeVenney,

Carol Thomas,
Christy Von Talge

April 8 Bill Carney,

Chuck Scott

April 10 Erich Unterschultz,

Laura Daugherty



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Easter SUNDAY

A CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Worship for Sunday, April 4, at

8:30 and 10:30am

RSVP needed — see below.

Childcare up to age 6 is available. RSVP needed.

Brass Quartet will offer special music.

Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching on John 20:1-18

“The Resurrection Covenant”

Hymns of the day: *Christ The Lord is Risen Today*

Worship In-Person at Church

Information for Sunday

- Gathering music begins at 8:20/10:20am. Please do not wait until 8:30/10:30 to arrive as all are entering via the same process of check-in and communion pick-up.
- Masks will be required at all times. Sanitizer and masks are available.
- Enter and exit through any door but check-in happens on both ends of the Narthex this Sunday.
- Seating is throughout the sanctuary in keeping with social-distancing – six feet apart in a pew, alternating middle and sides of pews.
- Nursery care is available for Easter. RSVP to office/Jimmy needed.
- By registering/RSVP, you confirm that all attendees are/have been COVID symptom-free for 10 days.

ALL WORSHIP OCCASIONS: 3 WAYS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH: On-site, in-person worship has resumed in the Sanctuary. Masks and social-distancing are required.

An **RSVP** is needed for all attending.

Call/email the church 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.

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AT-HOME LITURGY: Provided on the insert in this newsletter.



Blessed Palms

Holy Week begun in Columbia



It was a windy and cool morning this past Palm Sunday as Christians from downtown Columbia



churches gathered for the annual "Blessing of the Palms." Canceled last year due to COVID-19, this year was held in a new location to better enable social distance measures. Pictured above are some of the FCC folks who took palms into the cold wind of an early spring morning.

News of the People & Place

Healing...

Prayers this week for Carol Thomas who is at Boone Hospital diagnosed with Lung Cancer, receiving radiation and chemo; Trish Stagg's sister Christine Gonzales (in Texas) is now at home after a hospital stay receiving dialysis three days a week.

Fellowship Events...

Sunday ZOOM coffee hour will NOT take place on Easter Sunday. The Fellowship Dept. is planning events for spring/summer. Calendar them now, more information to come.

- Trivia Night (new date) May 2, 6:30pm;
- All Church Picnic, June 13, 5:30pm.

Congregational Meeting...

The annual Congregational Meeting set for the end of March to elect next year's (July 21-June 22) officers, trustees, elders, and deacons will take place via mail/electronic-communication as the last two congregational meetings have been. This is due to COVID-related safety concerns in gathering the congregation in one place. It is the hope the next round (budget) will be in-person. Please be looking for this communication and respond timely.

Use this link to vote online: firstchristian.org/vote

Pictures to Come...

Next week's Visitor will feature photos from March 27th's Church Work Day and the Easter Egg Hunt held on March 28.

A Stole-n Artistic Moment...

Peyton Humble was busy last Sunday creating a great artistic representation of Brad Stagg's Lenten stole. It is hard to get the Chalice just right, but Peyton got it! Peyton is in 2nd grade, the son of Josh Humble and the grandson of Jessica and Steve Humble.



Easter Offering
a special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
March 28 and April 4, 2021

Church Work Day: Success!

Thanks to more than a dozen energetic volunteers and a glorious early Spring morning, the Church work day was a rousing success! The weather couldn't have been better for the serious weeding, trimming, mulching and sweeping accomplished by our intrepid mask-wearing and socially-distanced volunteers. Special thanks are in order to Mary Daugherty for her many pre-workday contributions to the project & to Master Gardener Peggy Veatch for providing direction to our volunteers. Also, a well-deserved shout out is in order to Fred Mottaz for picking up two loads of mulch in his truck and for his major role in spreading it throughout the Church's beds. This spring's renewal of our ever improving grounds couldn't have been done without our dedicated volunteers: Mary, Peggy, Fred, Brad Stagg, Dan Gieseke, Eric Seaman, Larry Vetch, Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger, David Potthast, Chuck Scott and Carole & Mike Randerson.

Many thanks to all -- Mike Randerson

Scholarship Applications

The applications for FCC Scholarships are now available for those members who are in undergraduate programs of higher education to apply. The application can be accessed from the church office or Jimmy Spear via email.

Deadline for applications is **Monday, April 5, 2021.**

DOC College Group

Regular Tuesday night gatherings have now ended. Returning from break will include several serving and social events in April.

Home Worship for Easter Sunday (4/4) *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.

It's true. Christ Jesus lives! He is risen from the dead!

The greatest foe has been overcome. Christ is risen!

The journey through the darkness is over.

A brilliant light morning floods our hearts and spirits.

Jesus lives! God has done it!

He lives, He lives. Christ Jesus lives today. He walks

with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me

how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

PRAYER. Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy, which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

READ SCRIPTURE. John 20:1-18

Christ the Lord, is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

By Charles Wesley (1739)

Tune: EASTER HYMN Chalice Hymnal # 216

MEDITATION. A new Alleluia.

Resurrection feels different this year. As people emerge from the year of home-everything, perhaps the image of the cocoon and tomb speak differently than years past. We are beginning to be (mostly?) rid of the thing that has consumed us, made us afraid, bringing hardship and death everywhere. But yet, we make time to know of what has been and what can come.

In Easter terms, there is the diligence of the disciples spreading the word, still cautious and afraid, yet so joy-filled. Are we like them in these days? Are we running out the door to do everything possible, yet still masked and distanced? Are we creating space for commitments and distractions to emerge differently in this new season and day? Perhaps it is all of it. As disciples, we know something about emerging to new life. We have lived through sin and confession, heard of grace and known salvation. As Jesus' people, we come at this new emergence joy-filled, but also ready to tackle the new way of living the best we can with God's help.

God does help us. God meets us at the empty tomb with encouragement for our faith journey knowing it will look different. That different look will be for us to learn and experience, but to do so not alone. The risen Christ walks with us into new life and discipleship. We live now in the good knowledge of his truth living into the days ahead with a hopeful sight.

Perhaps these themes of faith will do us well as we venture back into life after the COVID year. Taking care, knowing how to navigate this world better and doing so with the love of others along the journey. Alleluia. Alleluia, indeed. Christ is risen. May we rise with him in these days. Amen.

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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 3 & 11: NO mtgs.

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

SUNDAY at 11:00am Zoom or Phone
(NO COFFEE HOUR ON EASTER SUNDAY)

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**

Calendar Summer

Vacation Bible School

Sunday-Thursday, 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

8th Grade Camp about Faith & Bodies
(also open to 9th graders) is yet to
be announced place/date.

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