



Held on
March 28

A Perfect Day for an Egg Hunt



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11TH

Receive the Holy Spirit
John 20:19-31

Hymns: *Christ Arose & In the Garden*

Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching

Annual Stewardship Campaign Ahead

April 18 - May 16

The Stewardship and Finance Department will hold the annual stewardship emphasis beginning next Sunday. Four weeks of encouragement to "Live Courageously" will be offered in Sunday worship and the weekly *Visitor*.

ALL WORSHIP OCCASIONS: 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.

Congregational Meeting

DEADLINE TO VOTE: THIS SUNDAY., APRIL 11 @ 11:59PM

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 look for this communication and respond timely. Use this link to vote online: firstchristian.org/vote



the **VISITOR**

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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

- On-Site Worship Service, 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, 11am, Zoom
- No Youth Group Meetings
- Deadline to Vote for Cong. Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, Noon, Zoom
- Choir Rehearsal, 5-6:30pm, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

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

Happy Birthday!

April 14 Rev. Jimmy Spear

April 15 Ann Teel (92!), Kate Volmert

April 16 Brock Mottaz, Emily Scott

April 17 William Green, Jr.,
Josh Humble



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News of the People

A Special Thank You...

Thank you, **Luke Stagg**, for your dedicated work in recording FCC's Easter Sunday Service and the weekly services over these long COVID months. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend in-person on Easter and saw first-hand how hard Luke works to bring these services to our congregation. Sitting in "our pew," watching Luke and others move the mics around to provide us the participation at home has been a blessing. My late husband, Nat used to spend hours putting together film so I know the hours Luke spends on doing this! We are so fortunate to have his talents among us.

-- **Bette Scavone**

Healing...

Prayers this week for **Carol Thomas** (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.

Gratitude...

Thanks to the **Rogers family** for hosting the annual egg hunt and providing the most perfect yard to hunt Easter eggs in the spring!

Loaves & Fishes Ministry...

Our church will serve at Loaves & Fishes on Monday, April 26. Contact Elizabeth Mottaz @elmottaz@cpsk12.org for more info.



Anne Campbell (2) in memory of Jim Campbell;
Mary Richardson

Coffman-Watson Group (4) in honor of our musicians:
Travis McFarlane; Dr. Rochelle Parker;
Michael Sauer; Schuyler Wheeler

Jay and Chris Creasy in memory of Julia Jacob

Bob Dixson in memory of his wife, Joanie Dixson

Bonnie, Bob & Gloria Fay (2) in memory of Jim Fay, husband,
father and grandfather; Grace Combs, mother, grandmother, "Gracie"

The Guy Family in memory of Connie & Jerry Guy

Ryan & Laura Hunsaker in memory of Jerry Shirey & Samuel Moser

Jeff & Amy LaHue in honor of Rich & Joyce Groehl

Kim Leon in memory of grandparents Max & Joy Leon, Thomas & Dorothy Holden

Nannie Lou Mallett (2) in memory of J.E. (Bud) Mallett; George & Floy Bright

Fred Mottaz Family (3) in memory of Ellen Mottaz; Waldo & Emaleta Mottaz;
Geraldine Martin & Cora Lee Riley

Doris Neidhardt (2) in memory of husband, Paul J. Neidhardt; granddaughter,
Meadow Woodbury

Gerald and Susan Ramsey (2) in memory of Jane Day Casati - a wonderful friend,
teacher and neighbor; in honor of Perry & Helen Stemmons

Hartley & Kim Rogers (3) in memory of David Rogers; Jim Rogers;
in honor of Genie Rogers

Barb Rothenberger & Family in memory of Ray Rothenberger

Bette Scavone in memory of her husband, Nat Scavone and her parents,
J.R. and Lillian Keene

Marilyn Schappert, Jeanie Dobbs, Sherry Kaye Dobbs, Sue Dobbs,
Carol Kvanvig in memory of their parents, Ralph and Sherry Dobbs

Chuck Scott in memory of Charles A. & Lorena Scott

Billie & Sheryl Silvey in memory of Jim Silvey

Brad & Trish Stagg (2) in memory of Mary Martinez Gonzales;
in honor of Patsy Stagg

Cliff and Mary Tompson in honor of Larry & Peggy Veatch

2 Jimmy, Anna, Kinsley & Elet Walters in honor of Mary Bancroft

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.



Some
of the
Masked
Mulchers
from
the
Church
Work
Day

Home Worship for Sunday, April 11

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.

We have seen the Lord! Christ is risen!
There is no fear and no doubt, only belief!
There is life in Jesus' name!

With the spring blooming around us, the vaccines taking hold -- we see new life around us. With Easter, good there is new life in Jesus' name, resurrection, and love.

PRAYER. Lord, In our songs and in our words, we give praise to you. In our worship, study, and service, we bless you. From our homes and places of isolation, we bless you. Loving God, you breathe life into our mortal bodies; you complete us and fill our every need. For all that you have done; for all that you have given to us, we worship you. Beautiful savior, with all that we are, and with all that we have, we offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.

READ SCRIPTURE. Acts 4:32-35

Christ Arose!

*Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

Refrain:

*Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]*

*Death cannot keep its prey,
Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away--Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]*

By Robert Lowry (1874)

Tune: CHRIST AROSE Chalice Hymnal # 224

MEDITATION. Resurrection Sharing.

Resurrection. The day of Easter proclaimed the very good news of Jesus raised from the dead as he had said he would. Resurrection. The days following were both filled with joy at that good news and fear of all the fallout that would come to disciples who proclaimed such news.

Today's text from Acts pushes us ahead in the story of those disciples and their acts of sharing. To practice what Jesus has preached, to share the good news as he instructed them, and to live as brothers and sisters in a renewed faith was a lot for his friends.

Perhaps it is a lot for us, too. We - his friends, his disciples, have heard again the story of an empty tomb and are doing our best to share such news of renewed faith in all kinds of this world's places. But, it is hard. It is hard to share so very much of ourselves in a world that sometimes does not care about our testimony of an old risen friend. So, what do we do?

The story in Acts reminds us about the art and act of sharing. To establish and perfect such a way of life and have it also become our way ministry is a good beginning. *"...those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all."*

We often hear these words and get hung up on "owning in common." Perhaps with the first century in mind, we just try to be disciples who can translate to our own time. If we shared or held in common the things really needed by others, it might alleviate much that hinders the main point — the sharing: great power of testimony and the receiving of much-needed grace. 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 11: NO mtg.

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

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