

Loving Our Neighbors



2026 Worship Theme

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JANUARY

What Is Love?

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FEBRUARY

Learning to Love Yourself

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MARCH

Lent:
Learning to Love the Dust

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APRIL

Who Is Our Neighbor?

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MAY

When Neighbors Feel
Like Enemies

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JUNE

Love Wins

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JULY

Pursuing a
Liberating Love

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AUGUST

God's Unbreakable Love

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SEPTEMBER

Stewardship Campaign:
When Love Is Enough

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OCTOBER

A Just Love

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NOVEMBER

Responding to Love

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DECEMBER

Advent:
Love Embodied



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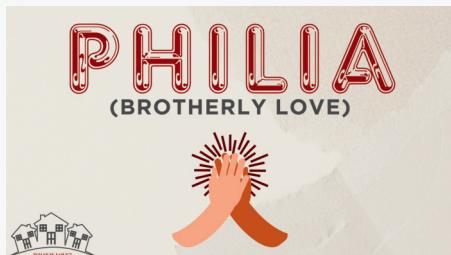
January 4, 2026

In the Company of Angels

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Special Music: *Mary Did You Know?* - Jerry Hornbacker
Rev. Adam Bradley, preaching

The Magi's true gift wasn't gold, frankincense, or myrrh - it was adoration. They traveled far to worship what heaven had named precious, and in this season of hope, peace, love, and joy, when was the last time you truly adored something?



January 11, 2026

Scripture: Romans 12:10-13

Jubilate Ringers: *Epiphany Carol* - by Linda R. Lamb
Rev. Adam Bradley, preaching

Sibling love is uniquely life-giving: shared history, deep understanding, and the ability to speak hard truths with love. So when we call one another brothers and sisters in faith, the question is whether we're willing to live into that kind of relationship.



January 18, 2026

Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:1-7

Sanctuary Choir: *In This Very Room* - by Ron & Carol Harris
Rev. Mason Fitch, preaching

Romantic love in Scripture isn't dismissed - it's honored as part of God's good, embodied creation. Song of Solomon shows desire and delight without shame, reminding us that our bodies and longings matter to God, and that when romance is rooted in mutuality and respect, it can point, imperfectly but truly, toward the sacred.



January 25, 2026

Scripture: John 13:34-35

Jubilate Ringers: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime - arr. William Ringham
Rev. Adam Bradley, preaching

This morning we turn to the heart of the Christian life: to love one another as Christ has loved us; simple to say, and extraordinarily hard to live. This year our mission is to know that love, grow in it, and share it, trusting that this is how the world will recognize us as followers of Jesus. Glory be to God.



2026 Lay Readers & Greeters

We are looking to expand our team of Lay Readers and Greeters! Do you have a friendly face (which all of you do!)? You can greet!!

Are you at least a little comfortable with being in front of people? You can lay read! If you have any questions about either of these opportunities, please reach out to Debra Kreps or Mason Fitch. Sign up at the information desk!



Regional Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry is entrusted with the sacred work of commissioning, licensing, ordaining, and caring for clergy and congregations across our three-state region. This ministry requires theological depth, pastoral sensitivity, wisdom, and a commitment to the ongoing formation of leaders for the Church. **Pastor Adam** has been asked to serve with this group for the region. He has a passion for helping to raise up new pastors, and had served on this committee in Indiana.



Sunday Morning Study - January *Life Lessons from James* led by Kevin Wolfe

Join Kevin as he finishes the second half of this book. If you missed the first half, please join us anyway!



James, the half brother of Jesus, wasn't impressed with talk. He knew that a life of faith was all about actions that revealed a difference in a person's life. For him, it was not that works save the Christian, but that they mark the Christian. in his letter, he boldly deals with the practical issues of faith not bound by culture or place.



Responders Class led by Becky Sisk

In the Responders adult Sunday School class, we use Wired Word lessons each Sunday, 9-10 am. We examine current events from the point of view of the Bible and our faith. Our topics are current and often challenge us in new ways. Come join us!



Service of Installation

On January 25th at 2pm, First Christian Church is gathering for a Service of Installation for Rev. Adam Bradley. Members of the regional staff will be there to officiate, including the newly elected regional minister and president, Rev. Dr. William Crowder. Rev. Crowder will give the sermon for the service.

Please come to celebrate Pastor Adam's installation, and this momentous occasion for First Christian!

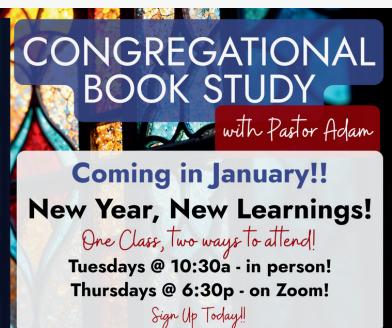
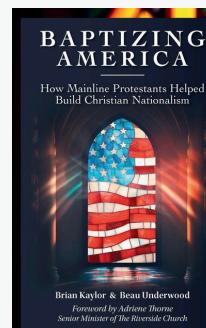


Weekly Bible Study

Pastor Adam is leading a study and deep dive into the book of Romans. All are welcome to join!

Rescheduled - Christmas Trivia

Join us on Saturday, January 3rd at 2pm for a fun-filled afternoon of Christmas Trivia. Sign up at the information desk and bring a Christmas snack to share!



Books are available for \$20

FELLOWSHIP

January Birthdays

Heather Woods	1/1
Sands Gibson	1/3
Cheryl Davis	1/6
Elizabeth Carrico	1/6
Steve Peters	1/7
Barb Furkin	1/19
Joe Rex	1/26
Carnie Lewis	1/28



January Anniversaries



Tasting Peoria Sugar

January 8th @ 6pm

Sugar is a unique quick serve dining experience that will tantalize your senses with made-from-scratch wood fired pizzas and sandwiches, fresh, crisp salads and hand-made gourmet sweet treats. Enjoy lunch, dinner or a late-night snack with one of our Artisan beers or a bottle from our modest wine collection.



Disciple Women

January 13th @ 12pm

This month we will be making Valentine cards. Bring your best appetizer and your joyful spirit!



Movie Night

The Six Triple Eight

January 22nd @ 6pm

The Six Triple Eight plot follows the real-life 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only all-Black, all-female U.S. Army unit in WWII, as they overcome severe racism, sexism, and brutal conditions in Europe to clear a massive backlog of millions of undelivered mail, boosting soldier morale with "No mail, no morale" under the command of Major Charity Adams.

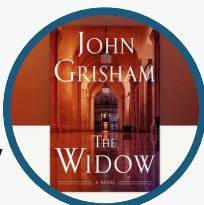


Book Club

The Widow

January 21st @ 5:30pm

The Widow is a 2025 legal thriller by John Grisham about a small-town lawyer, Simon Latch, who becomes the prime suspect in the murder of his wealthy elderly client, an eccentric widow named Eleanor Barnett, and must find the real killer to clear his name.



January Potluck - January 25th

Please sign up if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to help reduce waste.



SERVING SCHEDULES

Date	Elders	Deacons	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Counters
1/4/26	Connie Sinn Dave Sinn	Beth Reynolds Tim Dougherty Peter Hinshaw Lindsey Hinshaw Levi Holloway	Becky Sisk	Natalie Woods	Sandy Surface Chris Carrico	Steve West Ralph Tegg
1/11/26	Beth Cox Kevin Wolfe	Beth Reynolds Tim Dougherty Peter Hinshaw Lindsey Hinshaw Levi Holloway	Kate Spielman	Natalie Woods	Sandy Surface Chris Carrico	Roger & Vickie Baker
1/18/26	Kevin Cheatham Steve West	Beth Reynolds Tim Dougherty Peter Hinshaw Lindsey Hinshaw Levi Holloway	Cheryl Davis	Natalie Woods	Sandy Surface Chris Carrico	Mike & Laura Buckley
1/25/26	Chere Peters Jenny Tripses	Beth Reynolds Tim Dougherty Peter Hinshaw Lindsey Hinshaw Levi Holloway	Larry Weber	Natalie Woods	Sandy Surface Chris Carrico	John & Lisa Best

Date	Friends with Jesus	Growing Disciples	The Open Table
1/4/25	Jenny Tripses	Kathleen Wheeler	Kevin Wolfe
1/11/25	Chere Peters	Kathleen Wheeler	Kevin Wolfe
1/18/25	Jenny Tripses	Kathleen Wheeler	Kevin Wolfe
1/25/26	Linda Rex	Kathleen Wheeler	Kevin Wolfe