

## Throughout the Church...

Elder's Meeting - Today @ 12pm  
Cluster Lenten Service (FCC Peoria)  
- Today @ 4pm

Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am  
Worship Meeting - Next Sunday @ 12pm  
Cluster Lenten Service (Glen Oak CC)  
- Next Sunday @ 4pm



← Check out our full calendar of events here

*Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!*

We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.

# REBUILDING from the Dust

## Lent & Easter 2026

Ash Wednesday FEBRUARY 18TH 11:30 AM - GLEN OAK CC 6PM - FIRST CHRISTIAN	Busting Off Our Coats MARCH 29TH PALM SUNDAY
In the Face of Temptation FEBRUARY 22ND	Maundy Thursday APRIL 2ND 6PM - FIRST CHRISTIAN
Loving on the Margins MARCH 1ST	Stations of the Cross APRIL 3RD 12PM - MOSAIC CC
Letting Go to Love MARCH 8TH	Good Friday APRIL 3RD 6PM - GLEN OAK CC
When Love Feels Lost MARCH 15TH	When Love Saves MARCH 22ND
	New Creation New Earth APRIL 5TH FIRST CHRISTIAN



March 1, 2026  
10:30am

### First Christian Church



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### Today's Meditation

Life is a glorious banquet, a limitless and delicious buffet.

- Maya Angelou

† Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation - *To God Be the Glory*

† Call to Worship

*One: I have trenched through the garden rows, hunched over the seedlings, plucked away the weeds, routed water to the roots, and kept away the bugs and pests*

**Many: We didn't purchase your produce, for it didn't look quite perfect enough**

*One: I have perspired over the pit fire, been scalded at the stovetop, sliced my way through the pantry, proofed the loaves of bread, and pressed the last of the wine grapes*

**Many: And still, we were casually late for the meal**

*One: I have assembled the talents of singers and songwriters, lyricists and poets, instrumentalists and conductors, dancers and choreographers, painters and artists, to inspire us with beauty the whole day long*

**Many: There is so much to see, it is hard to enjoy anything at all**

*One: I have invited you to my banquet, my feast of celebration. I have made room for you at my table, a place of honor set aside.*

**Many: Why is this honor ours? What have we done to be worthy of such a seat?**

*One: It isn't what you have done before, but how you will carry the gospel into the future which is worthy of honor*

**All: May Christ keep us worthy, and love be our guide. Amen.**

† Opening Hymn

*Standing on the Promises*

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† Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together...*

**All: O God of abundance and peace, hear our voices through the noise of the world. Send your spirit to our harmonies of praise. On the wings of angels, send your guidance to keep us wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Let your presence be our hope, and the word of of Christ our moral clarity. Your gospel is for those the world would rather forget; we are the ambassadors of your love. Hear us as we remember and proclaim the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying: Our Father/Creator...**

† Vision Response

#357

*We Call Ourselves Disciples* - words on screen

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

Jubilate Ringers

*Were You There?* - arr. Brian Childers

Tithes & Offerings - *At the Cross*

† Doxology

#46

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:12-14

*The Word of God, for the people of God, thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Rev. Adam Bradley

*Loving on the Margins*

† Hymn of Invitation

#655

*Community of Christ* vs 1-3

A Time of Prayer

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Christ's Table

**All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.**

Communion Hymn

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*Take Our Bread*

Elder Meditation & Blessing

Words of Institution

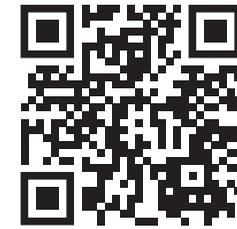
† Congregational Response

#628

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* vs 1

† Benediction

Postlude - *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*



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### Serving in Worship Today

Elders

Beth Smittkamp  
Linda Rex

Deacons

Chancel  
Head

Lisa Cheatham  
John Best  
Jan Cusac  
Cody Cheatham

Lay Reader

Sandy Surface  
Natalie Woods

Acolyte

Debra Kreps

Tech

Kathleen & Frank  
Wheeler

Counters

Mike & Laura  
Buckley

### Sunday School

Adult Classes

The Open Table

Frank Wheeler

Responders Class

Becky Sisk

Youth Classes

Growing Disciples (5th-8th)

Randy Williams

Friends with Jesus (Pre-k)

Linda Rex

### Staff

Rev. Adam Bradley

Lead Pastor

Rev. Mason Fitch

Pastor

Heather Woods

Music Ministry Coordinator

Brian Woods

Organist

Brandy Ganschow

Child Care

Diane Pfoff

Office Manager

Lynn Hutton

Bookkeeper

Kyle Grupe

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