

## Throughout the Church...

Elder's Meeting - Today @ 12pm

Disciple Women - Tuesday @ 12pm

Christian Ed Meeting - Tuesday @ 1:30pm

Justice Through Faith - Tuesday @ 2:30pm

Budget Deficit TF - Tuesday @ 5:30pm

Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am

Book Club - Thursday @ 5:30pm

Cluster Spring Trivia - Saturday @ 2pm

**Newcomers 101 - Next Sunday @ 11:45am**



← Check out our full calendar of events here

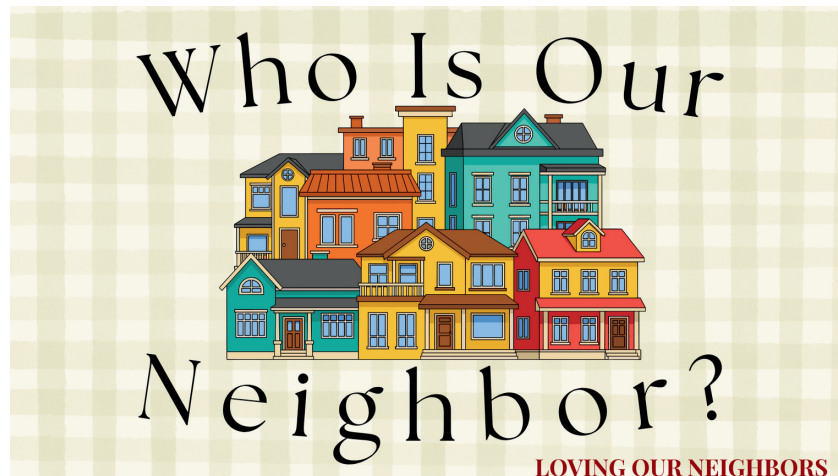
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We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering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



If you're new to First Christian or the Disciples of Christ, this class is for you! Whether you've been visiting for a few weeks or just starting to explore, this is a space to connect, ask questions, and discover what makes our church who we are. You'll meet the pastors, learn our story and mission, and explore the beliefs that shape our life together. Come as you are - curious, hopeful, or even unsure - and leave with a clearer sense of where you belong and what your next step might be.

### April's Theme:



**April 12, 2026**  
**10:30am**

**First Christian Church**



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### Today's Meditation

*It is because the deep river of migrant and refugee tears continues to flow across the centuries from ancient Mesopotamia into our own time that the study of Ezekiel - himself deported from Jerusalem in 597 BCE - makes no pretense to detachment or neutrality.*

- Lisa Malkki, Scholar

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation

*For Me to Live Is Jesus* - arr. Harris

†Call to Worship

*One: Unlock your hearts - God wants to come in*

**Many: My heart welcomes God**

*One: Open your lives - God needs a home*

**Many: My life makes room for God**

*One: Swing wide all the doors - God's children need shelter*

**Many: Here, there is the safety of our communion**

*One: The miracle of Easter rolls the stone away...*

**Many: ...and the light shined in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it. Praise be to God.**

†Opening Hymn

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

#234

†Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together...*

**All: God of resurrection, break through our sense of certainty to encourage our wonderings and our questions. Break through the walls of our fear that we might make holy room at your table. And when we succumb to the judgement of others or ourselves, open our hearts and give us the patience and perspective of the risen Christ, who taught us to pray by saying: Our Father/Creator...**

†Vision Response

*We Call Ourselves Disciples* - words on screen

#357

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

*The Stone Rolled Away* - arr. Brian Childers

Jubilate Ringers

Tithes & Offerings

*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* - Fred Rogers

†Doxology

#46

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 47:21-23 & Romans 12:4-5

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

Sermon

*A Country of Immigrants*

Rev. Adam Bradley

†Hymn of Invitation

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

#687

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

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

#570

Elder Meditation & Blessing

Words of Institution

†Congregational Response

*Living for Jesus* vs 1

#610

†Benediction

Postlude

*Festive March* - Lasky



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### Serving in Worship Today

Elders

Becky Sisk  
Mike Buckley

Deacons

Chancel Head  
Laura Cohen  
Jake Cohen  
Lindsey Hinshaw  
Peter Hinshaw  
Levi Holloway

Lay Reader

Connie Sinn

Acolyte

Natalie Woods

Tech

Cindy Bridges  
Debra Kreps

Greeters

Laura & Jake  
Cohen

Counters

Mike & Laura  
Buckley

### Sunday School

Adult Classes

The Open Table

Frank Wheeler

Responders Class

Becky Sisk

Youth Classes

Friends with Jesus (Pre-k)

Chere Peters

Growing Disciples (5th-8th)

Connie Sinn

### Staff

Rev. Adam Bradley

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Rev. Mason Fitch

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Heather Woods

Music Ministry Coordinator

Brian Woods

Organist

Brandy Ganschow

Child Care

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