

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date Upcoming VBS June 22-25, 2026 Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God!

The four-day format continues this year, with kid-friendly food at 5:15 p.m. before we start the program in the sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. The wrap-up ends at 8:10 p.m. It is not too early to volunteer. Please see Laine about how you wish to participate this year. Everyone is welcome!

Centro Latino's food pantry is currently low on rice, dried beans, and Maseca Flour. The Outreach committee will be matching donations, through April 14. Please consider contributing to this ministry partner. Collection room #104.

Youth Sunday Night Service Project

Today the youth will meet at the Serenity Center at 5 pm to pack backpacks for the Father's Love Backpack program. See Jimmy Hatter for details.

Diersen Center

April 21st we will be joining New Life in Christ Christian Church in worship. This is a Ministry Behind Bars and Beyond ministry that we regularly support. Worship is at 7 pm at 1218 W. Oak St. Louisville. See a member of the Outreach Committee to learn more.

DWM Spring Conference

Disciples Women's Ministries central KY conference, "Living the Abundant Life" is April 18th at First Christian Church in Paris, KY. Registration forms available at www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/.

Sunday 4/12: 5 pm Youth Sunday Night Service

Monday 4/13: Bible Study 10:30 am & 6 pm

Tuesday 4/14: 10 am Backpacking, 5 pm Personnel, 6 pm Outreach, 6:30 pm Nominating Committee

Wednesday 4/15: Choir 7 pm

Thursday: 4/16: 10:15 am RT outing, 6 pm Stephen Ministry C.E.

Sunday 4/18: DWM Conf. Paris, KY

PRAYER CONCERNS Rick Albrink, Cheryl Ballard, Family of Ruby Ballinger, Lee Barnett, Susan Beagle, Sue Brewer, Joe Caruso, Jeanie Coleman, Rex Cox, Robin Crawford, Melinda Cunningham, Family of Kyle Downey, Sally DuGan, David Erickson, Christopher Fackler, Kay Fain, Jim Fegenbush, Barbara Goode, Lou & Wayne Gunnell, Ann Hayes, Carolyn Heath, Angie Hickman, Phillip Hill, Heather Hill, Family of Tommy Hower, Mike Jeffries, Mark Jessee, Cynthia Johnson, Patsy Jung, Kenji Knight, Family of Brenda Lea, Annie Long, Ida Lyons, Rev. Sally McClain, Adriane Murphy, Cyndy Murray, Greg Pearce, Larry Roach, Marty Shaver, Ron Simmons, Bobby Stivers, Tim Spaulding, Dr. Sally Sugg, Marvin Swinford, Sandra Tennill, Eloise Terhune, David

2025-2026 ELDERS

A-Bea	Rev. Sally McClain - 2026	(502) 744-7255
Beb-Bz	Jesse Gilbert - 2026	(502) 741-0089
C	Julie Mulcahy - 2026	(502) 220-8311
D-G	Sarahbeth Farabee- 2028	(502) 232-1899
H	Jeff Manning - 2027	(270) 670-5041
I-L	Lydia Turner - 2027	(502) 682-7094
M-O	Gary Smith - 2026	(502) 593-5017
P-R	James Mulcahy - 2028	(502) 321-9159
S	Rev. Dr. Howard Griffith - 2028	(502) 257-1460
T-Z	Diane Bland - 2027	(502) 321-0767



Mission Statement

We are Christians committed to reaching the unchurched and challenging the faithful in the loving service of Jesus Christ.

First Christian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation



Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one caring ministry where trained lay caregivers (Stephen Ministers) provide confidential, Christ-centered support to people who are hurting.

For more information, contact Laine Kephart (our Stephen Leader), the church office, or visit stephenministries.org.

Interested in Joining First Christian Church?

You are welcome to come forward during the Invitation Hymn in worship services or speak privately with a staff member if you prefer. No re-baptism will be required regardless of previous mode of baptism.

Contact the church office at 502-633-3345 or visit www.disciples.org to learn more about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Ways to Give:

In-Person: Place offerings in the plate or donation box at the sanctuary entrance. Envelopes are available for cash donations (please include your name and address).

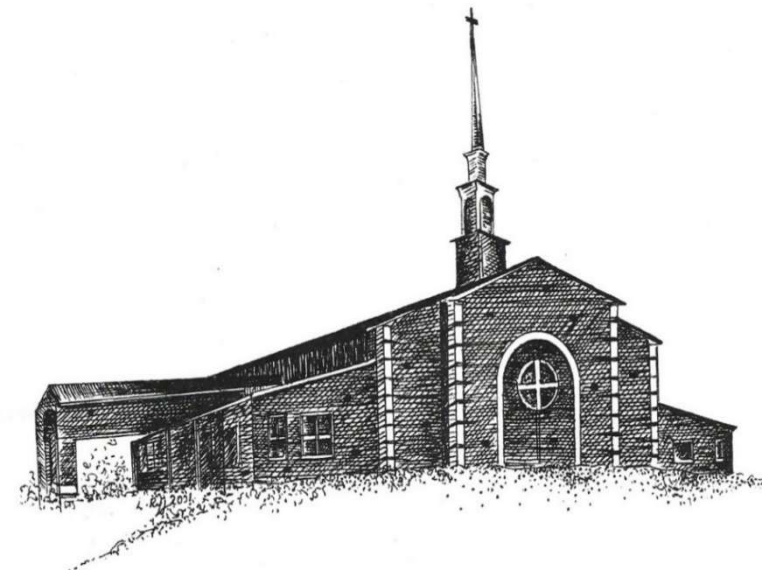
Electronic Options:

Zelle: shelbyvillekyfcc@gmail.com

Website: Click "More" → "Donate"

Vanco Mobile App: Create a profile to set your gift amount, frequency, and preferred fund (general operations, building reserve, or designated offerings).

Thank you for your generosity!



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April 12, 2026

Worship Service 9 am & 11 am

Sunday School 10 am

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here and hope you feel warmly welcomed. Please ask any of our members if you have questions about your experience. You are always welcome here, and we hope you return.

Rev. Tracy Parker, Interim Senior Minister
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Sharon Lee, Music Accompanist

Sunday Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements **Elizabeth Huling**

Prelude *(9 am)* **Sharon Lee**

“Lonely Voices” *(11 am)* **Jeff Manning**

Hymn of Praise ****CH#91 vs. 1,4,5**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Call to Worship **Elizabeth Huling**

Joys and Concerns **Elizabeth Huling**

Memorial Candle

Kyle Downey, Tommy Hower & Brenda Lea

Morning Prayer **James Mulcahy**

Special Music *(11 am only)* **Sophia Hale**

“O Rest in the Lord” *by Ken Medema*
 based on Psalm 37

Scripture **John 20:19–31 (NRSVUE)**

Message **Rev. Tracy Parker**

“Doubt Meets the Risen Christ”

Song of Invitation ****CH#543 vs. 1,3**

“Blessed Assurance”

Stewardship Meditation **Rev. Tracy Parker**

Doxology *(Please Stand)* ****CH#47 vs. 1**

Communion Hymn *(11 am only)* ****CH#425 vs. 1**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Communion Meditation

Communion Prayer **Jesse Gilbert**

Lord’s Prayer **James Mulcahy**

Benediction Song *(11 am only)* **Chorus Only**

“Woven Again”

Postlude

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who
 Calls us from fear into faith.

People: In hope we are born anew, strengthened to follow Christ!

Leader: Jesus meets us in our doubts, our questions,
and our longings.

People: We open our hearts to encounter him and proclaim, “My Lord and my God!”

Leader: Come, let us worship the risen Christ together.

People: Let us rejoice in the God who transforms fear into courage!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OBSERVING COMMUNION

Communion is central to worship in Disciples churches. As part of our communion service, we observe an open table, inviting everyone to partake of the communion elements with us. The bread and the cup are taken in unison following the words of institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD

“This is my body, which is broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE CUP

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Our 11 am and some special services are broadcast live and recorded. By entering the sanctuary, you consent to your image and voice being captured. If you prefer not to appear on camera as a closeup let us know in advance. If you have special concerns, we will make every attempt to accommodate them.

Our 9 am service is not livestreamed.

<https://www.youtube.com/@DisciplesofChristShelbyville/streams>

John 20:19–31 (NRSVUE)



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

