

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Music Rehearsal March 28**, there will be a 12:30 pm rehearsal for adult and children singers and bell ringers to practice for the Palm Parade for Palm Sunday.

**Dennis Stivers'** turning 80! Celebration will be Saturday, April 11, 3 to 5 pm at 3800 Charleston Way. Remember, your attendance is the only gift he needs.

**Easter Festival**, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. This year's Easter Festival will have Children Worship & Wonder stations, and will conclude with an Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to help out, please contact Amanda-Grace Schultz. We do need donations of individually wrapped candies to stuff into Easter eggs. Please bring candies by March 22nd to Room 104.

**Easter Lilies** The order form for lilies can be found on the sign-up board.

**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.

**Please consider signing up to host a meal for the youth soon!** A Sign-Up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Sunday 3/22: Youth Bake Sale, Youth group after worship  
Monday 3/23: Bible Study 10:30 am & 6 pm Rm 103  
Tuesday 3/24: Transition Team 6 pm, parlor  
Wednesday 3/25: Maundy Thursday Rehearsal 6 pm, Handbells 6 pm, Choir 7 pm  
Friday 3/27 The CUP deadline  
Sunday 3/29: CWF Bake Sale, Youth group after worship

**PRAYER CONCERNS** Rick Albrink, Cheryl Ballard, Lee Barnett, Susan Beagle, Sue Brewer, Joe Caruso, Marie Cintron, Jeanie Coleman, Rex Cox, Robin Crawford, Family of Carroll Cunningham, Melinda Cunningham, Kyle Downey, David Erickson, Christopher Fackler, Kay Fain, Jim Fegenbush, Raleigh Gelner, Lou & Wayne Gunnell, Ann Hayes, Carolyn Heath, Angie Hickman, Tommy Hower, Mike Jeffries, Mark Jessee, Patsy Jung, Kenji Knight, Brenda Lea, Annie Long, Ida Lyons, Adriane Murphy, Cyndy Murray, Larry Roach, Marty Shaver, Ron Simmons, Bobby Stivers, Dr. Sally Sugg, Marvin Swinford, Sandra Tennill, Eloise Terhune, David Wainscott, and Pam Ward. *\*\*Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. If we do not hear updates on individuals, names will be removed after 2 weeks.*

### 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](http://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](http://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).

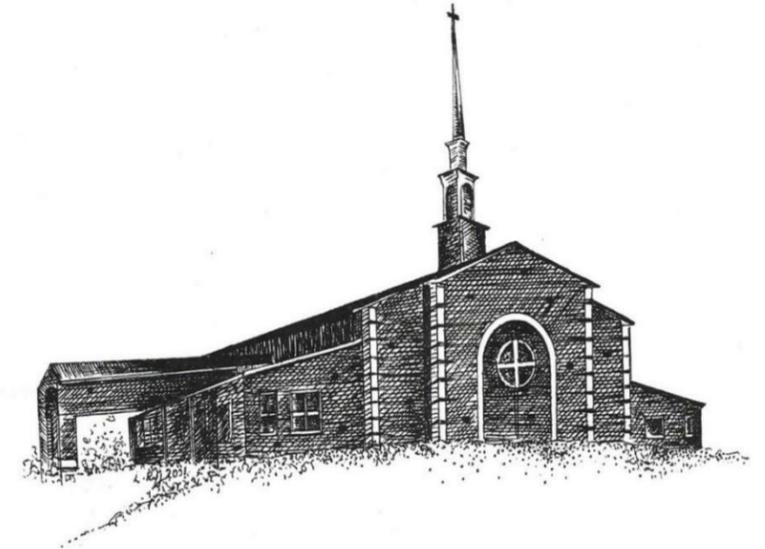
### Electronic Options:

**Zelle:** [shelbyvillekyfcc@gmail.com](mailto: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!**



## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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## March 22, 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.

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**Sharon Lee**, Music Accompanist

## Sunday Worship Service

<b>Welcome, Announcements</b>	<b>Elizabeth Huling</b>
<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Sharon Lee</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Elizabeth Huling</b>
<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<b>**CH#195 vs. 1-4</b>
<b>“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”</b>	
<b>Lenten Triad Reading</b>	
	(9 am) <b>Jane Martin</b>
	(11 am) <b>B.H. Harper</b>
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>	<b>Elizabeth Huling</b>
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	(11 am) <b>Jesse Gilbert</b>
<b>Special Music</b> <i>(11 am only)</i>	<b>FCC Choir</b>
<b>“When Jesus Wept the Falling Tear”</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>John 11:1-45 (NRSVUE)</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>Rev. Tracy Parker</b>
<b>“Unbinding What Holds Us”</b>	
<b>Song of Invitation</b>	<b>**CH#197 vs. 1, 3</b>
<b>“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”</b>	
<b>Stewardship Meditation</b>	<b>Rev. Tracy Parker</b>
<b>Doxology</b> <i>(Please Stand)</i>	<b>**CH#47 vs. 1</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b> <i>(11 am only)</i>	<b>**CH#548 vs. 1,2</b>
<b>“The Old Rugged Cross”</b>	
<b>Communion Meditation</b>	
<b>Communion Prayer</b>	(11 am) <b>Rev. Sally McClain</b>
<b>Lord’s Prayer</b>	(11 am) <b>Jesse Gilbert</b>
<b>Benediction Song</b> <i>(11 am only)</i>	<b>Chorus Only</b>
<b>“Woven Again”</b>	
<b>Postlude</b>	

## Call to Worship

Leader: We come carrying grief, fear, and weariness.  
| **People: Unsure what new life could look like.**  
| Leader: Jesus stands before the tomb and calls life forth.  
| **People: Even when hope feels late.**  
| Leader: “Unbind him and let him go.”  
| **People: Teach us to release what holds us captive.**  
| Leader: Let us worship the God of resurrection hope.  
| **People: Who calls us from death into life. Amen**

## 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 11:1-45 (NRSVUE)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.