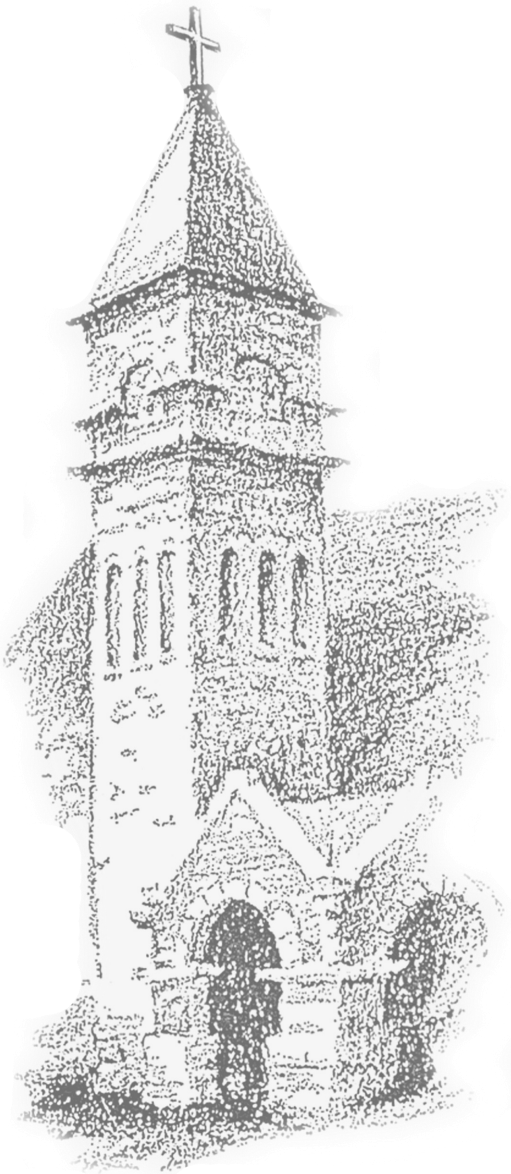


# Worship



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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**



**10:30 A.M.**

## Gathering in Praise

(\*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Topher Endress

Prelude *Saint Paul Overture Excerpts* Rochelle Parker  
Felix Mendelssohn

Litany of Praise (the people read the **bold**) Jacki Davidson

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are we who seek righteousness,

**God will fill our hunger and slake our thirst.**

Blessed are we when we seek peace,

**all our peace comes from God.**

\*Hymn #91 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

\*Invocation (the people read the **bold**) Jacki Davidson

Let us pray. **Guiding and teaching Lord, you have invited us to follow your Son into a new kingdom. Allow us the confidence to walk in your path. When we meet with fear, anger, hatred or scorn, in ourselves or in others, soften our hearts and open us to mercy. Let our worship bring us into a deeper commitment to your kingdom. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #35

## Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment Dr. Endress  
(see the "notes" section of the bulletin for Children's Worship information)

The Prayers of the People Dr. Endress  
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 (NT p. 4) Dr. Endress  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *Grant Us Peace* Chancel Choir  
arr. Walter Ehret

Sermon *The Sermon* Dr. Endress

# Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship	Dr. Endress
*Hymn #662 (v. 1 & 2)	<i>Cuando el Pabre</i>
Invitation to Stewardship	Dr. Endress
Offertory Music	Rochelle Parker
*The Doxology #46	
Invitation to the Table	Dr. Endress
Communion Hymn #400	<i>When You Do This, Remember Me</i>
Prayer for Offerings	Steve Humble
Words of Institution	
Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer	Jessica Humble

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Our time of communion is open to all followers of Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Pass the trays to the middle of the pew, then back to the deacon. Hold the elements in the cups for unison partaking at the minister's invitation. **Gluten free** communion elements can be found in the Narthex. All communion elements are **non-alcoholic**.*

Receiving the Bread and Cup	Dr. Endress
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## Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction	Dr. Endress
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*Recessional #600 (v. 2)	<i>Jesu, Jesu</i>
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**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near and far away.**

Postlude	<i>Toe Tappin' Music</i> Jay Althouse	Rochelle Parker
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## Prayers of the Congregation

***Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing:*** Carol Slusher; Helen Stemmons; Brad Stagg; Dana Heavin; The Thompson Family; Mary Daugherty

***Sympathy:*** Our friend **Mary Thompson** passed away on Friday, January 23. Mary was 94 years old. Services for Mary were held on Saturday, January 31 at First Christian Church. Please keep Mary's family and friends in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.

A longer prayer list of ongoing requests is on the yellow sheets in the narthex. Requests for prayer may be submitted via the yellow cards in the narthex, e-mailed or called into the church office.

***The Chancel Flowers*** on **Sunday, January 25** were given by **Mary, Brad, and Laura Daugherty** in memory of our grandparents, Dee & Dorothy Daugherty and Bart & Norma Ault.

***The Chancel Flowers*** for this morning are given by **The Carrier Family** in memory of Ben's grandmother, Anna Carrier.

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**Our Mission:** *To know God and follow Jesus Christ*

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## Serving Today

**Office Receptionist:** Janelle Patterson

**Welcome Station:** Steve Humble

**Flower Ministry:** Dan & Holly Gieseke

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:** Carla Tanzey

**Communion Prep:** Eric & Dietrich Arnett

**Greeters:** Cindy Rose (N. Door), Bud Batterson (S. Door), David Potthast (Atrium), Debbie Potthast (Portico)

**AV Team:** Cliff Judy

**Liturgist:** Jacki Davidson

**Deacon Team:** The Potthast Team

**Elders:** Steve Humble, Jessica Humble, Dan Tevis (Balcony)

**Children's Worship:** Hayley Batterson

**Offering Counters:** Sarah Storm and Cindy & Doug Smith

# **This Week in the Life of the Church**

## **Sunday, February 1**

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee Center
- Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

## **Tuesday, February 3**

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

## **Wednesday, February 4**

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Coffman-Watson Lunch, 12pm, Olive Garden
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

## **Sunday, February 8**

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
  - Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
  - Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
  - Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
  - K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
  - 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee Center
  - CYF, 5pm, YFH
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## **Ladies' Book Club—Wednesday, February 11**

The Ladies' Book Club will meet this month on Wednesday, February 11 at 11:30 a.m. in Morris Parlor. The book for this month is *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah. Bring a sack lunch and prepare for a good conversation! If you can't join us this month, join on Wednesday, March 11 to discuss *Long Way Home* by Lynn Austin.

## **Volunteer with Loaves & Fishes—Monday, February 23**

This month's Loaves & Fishes serving date falls on Monday, February 23 and we are looking for volunteers to help deliver and serve food! There is an online sign-up available, if you'd like to see where volunteers are still needed: <https://bit.ly/febloaves>. If you can't join us this month, but want to be added to the Loaves & Fishes email list, contact **Erin** in the Church Office and you'll hear from us in April. Thank you all so much for making this ministry possible!

# WELCOME

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are with us. Please take a moment to visit our website, [firstchristian.org](http://firstchristian.org) to find out more about the ministry and mission of First Christian Church. Feel free to say hello to a host at the *Welcome Station* in the Narthex following worship and receive a folder of church-related information.

**During Worship:** Afghans, large print hymnals and children's bulletins with crayons are available from a greeter or are found on the shelf in the narthex. Hearing devices are available in the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Please talk to the AV Team if you need assistance.

**Children:** A nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten-aged children. Our nursery is staffed by Mother's Day Out teachers from 8:15am until pickup following the service.

**Children's Worship:** Following the Children's Moment in 10:30 worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to go with leaders to the 3rd floor of the Education Bldg. for their own worship time followed by constructive craft, reading and play time. Parents need to pick up children from the 3rd floor following worship.

**Christian Education:** Christian Education for all ages is held during the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings from Labor Day—early May. Children (grades K-5) and youth (grades 6-12) meet on the third floor of the Education Building. Adults meet in the Cinema on the third floor of the Education Building.

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