



# First Christian Church

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## Presentation Of The Lord

January 26, 2024  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn - #77 - Be Still My Soul

\**Passing of the Peace*

### Call To Worship - from Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

**People: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young, a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King, and my God.

**People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

**ALL: Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. Look upon your shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.**

### Opening Prayer

*Loving God, thank you for sending your Son, our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ to save us from ourselves. Guide us by your Holy Spirit and lead us into all truth. We lift up all those on our prayer list and those we hold in our hearts. Bless us as only you can. Guide us and direct us and we will give you the glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

**Scripture Text: Luke 2:22 – 40 (NRSV)**

Prayer Hymn - #67 – Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Prayers of the People

**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, the power and the glory forever.*

*AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Jim Phegley	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Larry & Betty Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Jerry & Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood		

**Jesus Is Presented in the Temple**

**22** When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), **24** and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

**25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. **26** It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. **27** Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, **28** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

**29** “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, **30** for my eyes have seen your salvation, **31** which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

**33** And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed **35** so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

**36** There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, **37** then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. **38** At that moment she

came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

### The Return to Nazareth

**39** When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. **40** The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

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Scripture Readings - Luke 2:22 – 40 (NRSV)

Sermon - *Presentation Of The Lord* — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

\*Doxology

\*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #574 - Revive Us Again

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

#### OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

*The bread and the cup are distributed together.*

*Please hold until you are invited to partake together.*

\*Closing Song - #82 - Victory In Jesus

\*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended, go into the world, you are the body of Christ.  
And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and even forevermore.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

### Weekly Meetings:

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Beginning Balance As Of 1-26-25	12591.49
Expenses/Payroll	3146.77
Weekly Offering	1230.00
Difference	-\$1916.77
Ending Balance	10674.72

### Announcements:

**Week of January 26<sup>th</sup>** - Attendance: 20 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook

Live: 30, YouTube: 14 Approx. Views: 66-86

**Groundhog Day** - What will Punxsutawney Phil predict today? The forecast calls for cloudy skies, which favors no shadow sighting and an early start to spring! Fingers crossed. I am ready for the warm weather!

**Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday:** will meet Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Meal provided by Verna & Phyllis. Thank you Verna & Phyllis!

**Youth Group Meal Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for our youth on Wacky Wednesday nights for 2025. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Also, a reminder card will be sent out a week prior to the date you choose. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

**February Birthdays**

- 1 - Rick Williams, Dick Wiseman
- 2 - David Lintner
- 5 - Sarah Bailey, Susie Smith,  
Sarah Sutton
- 6 - Cole Dunlap
- 7 - Brandon Roberts
- 9 - Kolton Ploughe
- 10 - Katie Sayler
- 11 - Bob Wiseman, Conrad Smith
- 13 - Stan Bailey, Steve Bailey
- 14 - Rhonda Murphy
- 19 - Matt Phillips
- 21 - Bailey Craig
- 23 - Jim Lintner, Jim Donnelly
- 28 - Dinah Todd



*Happy Birthday*



**February Anniversaries**

NONE



*Happy Anniversary*



**March Birthdays**

- 3 - Viana Lewis
- 4 - Kris Bailey
- 5 - Pauline Amsler
- 6 - Matt Beehler, Stephen Nicole
- 7 - Charles Griffin, Kalyn Hall
- 8 - Haylie Newcomb
- 9 - Andy Morris, Ali Phillips
- 10 - Cathy Eldridge, Addie Dobson
- 11 - Josh Eldridge
- 14 - Sandy Todd
- 15 - Regina Sanders
- 18 - Cody Lintner, Heidi Phillips
- 19 - Laura Lefler-Kinnaird,  
Jim Lefler
- 21 - Craig Jackson
- 23 - Casey Boose
- 25 - Travis Mattocks
- 26 - Jeff Phillips



*Happy Birthday*



**March Anniversaries**

- 3 - Dennis & Pam Sayler - 1973
- 6 - Marcia & Ote Wood - 1982
- 26 - Gary & Regina Sanders - 1988



*Happy Anniversary*

