



# First Christian Church

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*Unless You Repent*

March 23, 2025  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn - #337 - Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

\**Passing of the Peace*

## Call To Worship - from Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**People: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.**

Leader: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

**People: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

**ALL: My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

## Opening Prayer

*Holy God, as we journey through these forty days of Lent, be with us and for us as your Church in this very place. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might say it has been good to be in the house of the Lord. Thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who made a way for us to return to you. Be with all those who need your healing touch this day. Help us to live and love more like you. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

Prayer Hymn - #525 – Now Thank We All Our God

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
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Dawson Ploss	

**Repent or Perish**

**13** At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. **2** He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? **3** No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. **4** Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? **5** No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

**The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree**

**6** Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. **7** So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ **8** He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. **9** If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Scripture Readings - Luke 13: 1 – 9 (NRSV)

Sermon - *Unless You Repent* — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

\*Doxology

\*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #681 - Let There Be Peace On Earth

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 - #657 - Heaven Came Down And Glory Filled My Soul

\*Benediction

Leader: Go into the world and shine your light that others might seek the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Today's Meeting:**

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

**Weekly Meetings:**

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

11:45 p.m. - Lenten Luncheon @ Brushwood

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Beginning Balance As Of 3-16-25	2884.83
Expenses/Payroll	1443.10
Weekly Offering	540.00
Difference	-\$903.10
Ending Balance	1981.73

**Announcements:**

**Week of March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Attendance: 28 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook

Live: 0, YouTube: 8 Approx. Views: 12-40

**Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday:** will NOT meet Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

They will meet Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be provided by Mindy Pettet. Thank you Mindy!

**Lenten Luncheon Schedule:** Serving Times: 11:45-12:45

3/26 — Brushwood

4/2 — St. Luke's

4/9 — Trinity UMC

4/16 —

**Beginning Monday April 7:** we will begin back with Balance exercises followed by a Bible Study. We will start at 9:30 am and take about 15-20 minutes to do a few exercises and then will start Bible Study immediately after in the church basement. It will be a 10-week Bible Study on the book "Ten Women of the Bible One By One They Changed the World" by Jenna Lucado Bishop and Max Lucado. I need to know if you are interested by March 17. The books are \$14 payable at the first session. I will order and have them shipped to the church so that they can be picked up by March 30. You can start the first Lesson on March 31 and we will discuss Lesson 1 on April 7. As we study the lives of the women in the Bible, we find important truths that God wants us to grasp. They lived in a different world than our own, but we find ourselves facing the same issues they faced. Yet even more, these women show us there is a God who see us where we are and loves us for who we are. He is the one who hovers over all the pages of the Bible, shaping lives, rescuing hearts, healing sicknesses, raising what was dead to life and assigning high callings to those who choose to follow him and have faith in him. In this ten-lesson workbook, Max Lucado recounts some of his favorite stories of these ten women - Sarah, Abigail, Esther, the Samaritan Woman, Mary Magdalene, and others -and describes what set them all apart. Please contact Karen Wiseman by call or text 219-869-3513 or [karenr6403@gmail.com](mailto:karenr6403@gmail.com) by March 17 if you are interested in attending. Missing you all!

**April is First Christian Church's:** month to volunteer at The Good Samaritan Food Pantry. As you know, the pantry provides a vital service to our community and with the new location, volunteering is easier than ever. The pantry is open each Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3. Please sign up for one of these times on the sign up sheet at the back of he church. Thanks in advance for volunteering.

**Easter Lily:** If you are interested in ordering an Easter Lily In Memory or Honor of a love one this year, there is an order form located in the narthex. This year, the cost of a Lily is \$24.00.

**To The Women of FCC:** Please join us for a See You Later party as we celebrate

the journey ahead for our dear friend Abbie Parmele as she heads off to San Diego! Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm till 4pm, lower level Carnegie Center. Please RSVP to 219-866-1133.

**Lenten Services:** Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm CT, Trinity United Methodist, with Rev. Sean Johnson. Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm CT, First Presbyterian, with Rev. Michelle J. Bartel.

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Phil Lewis will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. His family invites friends to join in celebrating this special milestone with a "Card Shower". Cards can be sent to Phil Lewis - Room 208, Rensselaer Care Center, 1309 East Grace Street, Rensselaer, In 47978.

**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



**March Anniversaries**

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

