



# First Christian Church

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*Faith Comes From The Word Of Christ*

March 9, 2025  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn - #69 - Standing on the Promises

\**Passing of the Peace*

## Call To Worship - from Psalm 91

Leader: I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

**People:** If you make the Most High your dwelling, even the Lord who is my refuge, then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

Leader: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him."

**People:** I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

**ALL:** He will call upon me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

## Opening Prayer

*Holy God, we come into your sanctuary this morning looking for a word from you to lift us up and keep us in your divine will. Give us that peace that passes all understanding as we praise you. Help us discover the word of truth you have for us today. Guide us by your Holy Spirit as your Church here in Rensselaer to follow you all the days of our lives. As we begin the season of Lent, help us to remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for each of us on that cruel cross of Calvary. We thank you and praise you in his wonderful name.*

*Amen.*

**Scripture Text: Romans 10: 1 – 17 (NRSV)**

Prayer Hymn - #400 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord

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		

**10** Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. **2** For I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not based on knowledge. **3** Not knowing the righteousness of God and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God’s righteousness. **4** For Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

**Salvation Is for All**

**5** Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” **6** But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) **7** “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). **8** But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), **9** because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. **11** The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. **13** For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**14** But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? **15** And how are they to proclaim him unless

they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” **16** But not all have obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” **17** So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Scripture Readings - Romans 10: 1 – 17 (NRSV)

Sermon - ***Faith Comes From The Word Of Christ*** — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

\*Doxology

\*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #495 - It Is Well With My Soul

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 - #432 - Softly and Tenderly

\*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 in Lent - Pastor Jeff Seger

**Weekly Meetings:**

Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

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

Beginning Balance As Of 3-3-25	3806.55
Expenses/Payroll	3599.25
Weekly Offering	2575.00
Difference	-\$1024.24
Ending Balance	2782.31

**Announcements:**

**Week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Attendance: 26 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook

Live: 0, YouTube: 10 Approx. Views: 15-43

**Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday:** will not meet Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 due to Freshman Orientation. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be provided by Ron & Betty Lintner. Thank you Ron & Betty!

**JCEA Pork Chop or Chicken Dinner:** is Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Jasper County Fair Grounds. Serving 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Carry out are available. Sponsored by: Jasper County Fair Association. Profits to benefit Jasper County Fair. Dinner by Remington Poultry & Catering. Tickets are \$12.00 each. Flier in narthex.

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

- 3/12 — St. Augustine Church
- 3/19 — First Christian Church
- 3/26 — Brushwood
- 4/2 — St. Luke's
- 4/9 — Trinity UMC
- 4/16 —

**Lent Devotionals:** are available in the narthex.

**Spring Forward:** Be sure to turn your clocks ahead Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

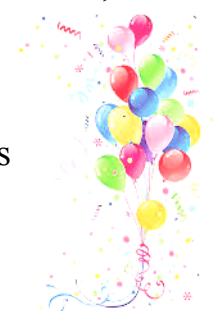
**Beginning Monday April 7:** we will begin back with Balance exercises followed by a Bible Study. We will start at 9:30 am and take about 15-20 minutes to do a few exercises and then will start Bible Study immediately after in the church basement. It will be a 10-week Bible Study on the book "Ten Women 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.

**To The Women of FCC:** Please join us as we say goodbye to 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.

**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 Saylor - 1973
- 6 - Marcia & Ote Wood - 1982
- 26 - Gary & Regina Sanders - 1988

