

Welcome!

If you are visiting with us today, 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.

For more information, visit our website at www.shelbyvillefirstchristianchurch.com.

You may also contact the church office at 502-633-3345 or email us at fccshelbyville@gmail.com.

To receive email updates on upcoming events and our monthly Cup Newsletter, please fill out our 'New Visitors Card' (Gray Card). The Blue Card is for messages to the pastor, and the White Card is for prayer requests. All cards may be placed in the offering plate or the donation box by the sanctuary doors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Cup" Newsletter Article Deadline Please ensure all CUP articles, calendar entries, and save-the-date information are submitted to the church office by the end of the business day on Monday, **January 20, 2025**.

We are thrilled to announce that FCC has been invited once again to host a worship service at the Diersen Center! We invite you all to join us for this special event on Tuesday, **January 21, 2025**. We will leave the church between **5:30 p.m.** and **5:45 p.m.** and returning by **9:30 p.m.** To participate, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. For any questions, please contact Tracy, Mary Clark, or Kim Arrington. We look forward to sharing this meaningful experience together.

The Nurture Committee will meet on Tuesday, **January 21, 2025**, at **6:00 p.m.** New members are always welcome. Please contact Cheryl Manning if you have any questions or for more information.

Interested in Joining First Christian Church?

You can join our church during the Invitation Hymn in the worship services by coming to the front of the sanctuary, where you will be welcomed. Recognizing not everyone is comfortable with "coming forward", you may express your desire for membership to a member of the church staff, who will welcome you into membership in our congregation. If you are already baptized, regardless of the mode of baptism, you will not be required to be baptized again. Please contact the church office at 502-633-3345 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

To learn more about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), please visit www.disciples.org.

2024-2025 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	Fielding Ballard - 2025	(502) 321-4476
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	Kenneth Yeager - 2025	(502) 432-3928
S	Holly Likes - 2025	(502) 529-9167
T-Z	Diane Bland - 2027	(502) 321-0767

PRAYER CONCERNS

FCC Family:

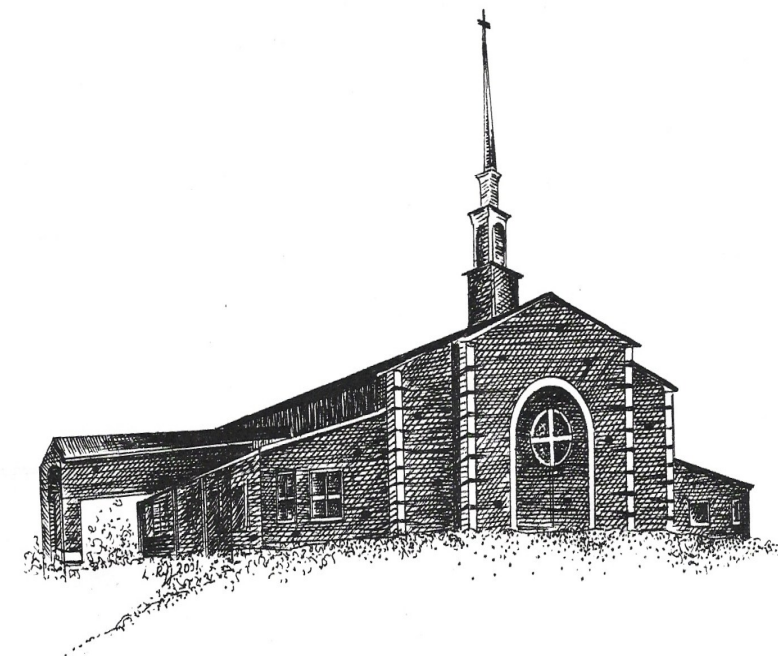
Susan Beagle, Sue Bottom, Sue Brewer (Pat King's & Wanetta Wright's sister), Betty and Carroll Cunningham, Jim Fegenbush, Wayne Gunnell, Emmy Houweling, Rob Hutchinson, Vicki Lee, Ida Lyons, Dave Mayhew, Mitch McClain, Debbie Morgan, James Powell, Marty Shaver, Debbie Stover, Sandy Tennill, Eloise Terhune, Mary Joe Wright, and Vickie Wright.

FCC Friends:

The family and friends of Brian Cook, Tom Hawkins (brother of Pat King and Wanetta Wright), Mia (granddaughter of Bob and Susie Roth), and Patricia Winlock.

Gifts, Offerings and Tithes

There are many ways to support the church financially. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or you may drop it securely in the donation box at the sanctuary entrance as you exit. Envelopes are available on the side of the box; please include your name and address if you are making a cash donation. *There are three options for electronic donations:* **Zelle** donations are accepted. Our email address for Zelle donations is shelbyvillekyfcc@gmail.com. Or you may go to the **church website** and click on "More" and then on "Donate" or download our mobile app, **Vanco Mobile**. Once logged in, create a profile, set up the amount you wish to give, the frequency you wish to give and the fund where you want your gift to go. The page is divided into segments: general fund (which funds our operations), building reserve fund (which funds major repairs and upgrades) and designated (which includes special offerings such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Reconciliation and Week of Compassion), Fifth Sunday, VBS, youth, Stephen Ministry, Focus Forward, etc. There is also an option to designate where you would like your gift used.



First Christian Church

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January 19, 2025

Early Worship Service 9 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m.

Rev. Tracy Parker

Interim Senior Minister

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Rev. David Pilkinton, Associate Minister

(502) 552-9979 dwpilkinton@gmail.com

Jordan Lardner, Youth Director

(502) 232-1167 jordan.lardner@gmail.com

9 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise #8 vs. 1, 2, 4
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Scripture **Luke 3:1-19**

Message: **“Enneagram 8 - John the Baptist”**

Invitation Hymn #385 vs. 1, 2
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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on the lower left side of the front page

Stewardship Meditation

Doxology *(please stand)* #625 vs. 1

*‘Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.’*

Communion Meditation

Communion Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (spoken in unison)

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.

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.”

Benediction

11 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise #8 vs. 1, 2, 4
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Special Music **Chancel Choir**

Ask Me Why *arr. Hamby*

Scripture **Luke 3:1-19**

(Children Dismissed to Children’s Church)

Message: **“Enneagram 8 - John the Baptist”**

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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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Stewardship Meditation

Doxology *(please stand)*

Communion Hymn #376 vs. 1, 2
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Communion Meditation

Communion Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (spoken in unison)

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Benediction Song

Surely The Presence

Benediction

Scripture Reading:

Luke 3:1-19

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracōnitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene

² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”

¹¹ He answered, “Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?”

¹³ He replied, “Collect no more than you are authorized to collect.”

¹⁴ Soldiers asked, “What about us? What should we do?”

He answered, “Don’t cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay.”

Responses to John

¹⁵ The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ.

¹⁶ John replied to them all, “I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I’m not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.”

¹⁸ With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

¹⁹ But Herod the ruler had been criticized harshly by John because of Herodias, Herod’s brother’s wife, and because of all the evil he had done.