

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.

Our Mission Statement

We are Christians committed to reaching the unchurched and challenging the faithful in the loving service of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CWF will meet on Tuesday, **January 7, 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.**, to continue the study, Fruit of the Spirit. All ladies of the church are automatically a member, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Nadine Cox.

Our monthly Fellowship meal will again be a catered dinner on Wednesday, **January 8, 2025**, at **6:00 p.m.** Something Italian - one chicken, one beef. The cost for this delicious meal is just **\$12.00** per person and the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for those wishing to attend. ***We hope to see you all there!***

The Administration Committee will meet on Thursday, **January 9, 2025**, at **6:30 p.m.**, in the parlor. All members are encouraged to attend.



First Christian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system, which equips and empowers lay caregivers - called Stephen Ministers - to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. For more information, please contact Laine Kephart, our Stephen Leader, the church office, or a member of the church staff.

Please visit the website ~ stephenministries.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:

The family of Harriet Jennings, Susan Beagle, Sue Bottom, Sue Brewer (Pat King's & Wanetta Wright's sister), Al Cook, Betty and Carroll Cunningham, Jim Fegenbush, Wayne Gunnell, Carolyn Hedden, Emmy Houweling, Rob Hutchinson, Vicki Lee, Ida Lyons, Dave Mayhew, Debbie Morgan, James Powell, Marty Shaver, Debbie Stover, Eloise Terhune, Mary Joe Wright, and Vickie Wright.

FCC Friends:

Brian Cook, Kevin Cook, Tom Hawkins (brother of Pat King and Wanetta Wright), Pastor Terry Morrison of Harrodsburg Community Church, 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 5, 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

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9 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise #567 vs. 1, 2, 3
Another Year Is Dawning

Lighting of Memorial Candle ~ Harriet Jennings

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Scripture **Matthew 2:1-12**

Message: **“Star Sunday”**

Invitation Hymn #342 vs. 1, 2
Just As I Am

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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 #567 vs. 1, 2, 3
Another Year Is Dawning

Lighting of Memorial Candle ~ Harriet Jennings

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Special Music **Chancel Choir**
Still, Still, Still *arr. McDonald*

Scripture **Matthew 2:1-12**

(Children Dismissed to Children’s Church or Youth Group)

Message: **“Star Sunday”**

Invitation Hymn #342 vs. 1, 2
Just As I Am

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Stewardship Meditation

Doxology *(please stand)*

Communion Hymn #274 vs. 1
Break Thou the Bread of Life

Communion Meditation

Communion Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (spoken in unison)

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Benediction Song

Surely The Presence

Benediction

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 2:1-12

*1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
2 asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’
3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
5 They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
6 “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’
7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’
9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.*



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.