



IS HE THE ONE?

Sunday, January 22 | Contemporary Worship

WELCOME!

We're glad you're here!

A Few Things About Today's Worship

This service is live-streamed to YouTube

If you want to ensure that you are not seen in the live-stream video, you can sit on the back left (as you look at the stage) side of the sanctuary.

Kids First is where kids worship and learn in their own age-appropriate setting. The locations are listed below. Children are always welcome to remain in the service as well.

Nursery- Room 217 | Preschool- Room 222 | K-3rd Grade - Community Room
4th & 5th Grade - Room 106

Wesley Café

Light refreshments are served in between services down in Wesley Hall. Take a few moments to catch up with an old friend, or make a new one!

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Worship Today

OPENING SONG

“Great Things”

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

-Katrina Jackson, Director of Worship

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“Jesus Messiah”

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER - Isaiah 63:7-9

-Katrina Jackson

MESSAGE: “Declaration: You Are The Messiah”

-Matthew 16:1-13

-Pastor Lisa Kruse-Safford

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CLOSING SONG

“Belovedness”

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

BLESSING

WAYS TO GIVE

1. On your way in and out of worship today, you'll see a small brown box on the registration table. You can leave your gifts/offerings in there.
2. If you prefer to manage your giving electronically, you can give online at FirstChurchCL.org/giving. There you can set up a one-time or recurring gift. You can also do this via Realm.
3. If you'd like to give *right now* as you're reading this, text "GIVE236" to 73256 and follow the prompts.

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of First Church!

NEWS & EVENTS

Saver's Truck Will Raise Funds for UWF

Saturday, February 11 | 9 a.m. - noon | Hale Chapel parking lot

Our next Saver's collection event is Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. - noon. Drop off your items to donate at the church and the United Women of Faith group will take them over to Savers. All proceeds go to the UWF (formerly United Methodist Women) ministry of our church. We aren't taking furniture at this time. Please separate soft and hard goods into bags. Drop off is in the parking lot by the Hale Chapel/office entrance.

Young Families Adult Bowling Night

Saturday, February 18 | 4-6 p.m. (dinner after) | Kingston Lanes, Woodstock

Join the young families of First Church for their annual bowling event at Kingston Lanes in Woodstock. This one is for the adults only. RSVP at our website or find our event on our Facebook Group. Unofficially, we grab dinner at a local pub after the bowling is over. Hope to see you there!

Lenten Study To Consider

Lent begins February 22

While we come down from the Christmas and New Year season, we find we are gearing up for the Lenten season, which begins Feb. 22nd on Ash Wednesday. The recommended Lenten study for this year is *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross* by Rev. Magrey R. deVega. Established small groups are invited to consider this study as well as newly forming small groups. (Small group leaders, if you are planning to use this study, please let Pastor Lisa or Tyler know so we can equip you with leader guides and accompanying videos.)

Pastor Lisa will lead a group on this book on Thursdays through the season of Lent. Keep an eye out for the open groups you can join to be a part of this study. The book can be purchased online at Cokesbury, Amazon, or Barnes & Noble.

Spring Mission Trip 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

April 23-28 | Red Bird Mission, KY | cost: \$500

There is a job for everyone at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky- from fixing leaky roofs, building wheelchair ramps, or other home renovation and repair projects, to light office work including cleaning and organizing in their store and craft rooms. This is a great chance to come and put your unique skills to work to help others.

This mission trip is open to adults (18+) and the cost is \$500 per participant. If you are interested in learning more and potentially attending this Mission trip, please reach out to Isaac (imahler@firstchurchcl.org) or Pastor Lisa (lksafford@firstchurchcl.org). We will schedule an informational meeting about the trip to answer questions and talk about the details. Applications for the trip will be available soon.

New “Youngest Families” Gathering

January 28 | 5-7 p.m. | [First Church, Upper Narthex](#)

Our new Young Families group had a great gathering in November and we are getting together again on Saturday, January 28th from 5-7 p.m. We will meet in the Upper Narthex. Dinner will be provided. Then, the littles will be off to child care while the adults enjoy some fellowship and fun. We will also plan out the next few gatherings, so that we can all put them on our calendar. If you missed the first gathering in November, you are still more than welcome to come and join us! Please feel free to reach out to Isaac or Karen to learn more! Please RSVP by January 25th via email (jmahler@firstchurchcl.org) to ensure we have enough food for you and your family!

Youth Winter Retreat

February 10-12 | [Phantom Ranch](#) | \$75

2023 is shaping up to be an exciting year for our youth ministry! A new ministry packet is in the works that will take us through summer of 2023 and into the fall, but in the meantime you can sign up for our annual Winter Retreat to Phantom Ranch that takes place on February 10-12. This retreat is open to all students in 6th to 12th grade, costs \$75 (Scholarships available) and is one of the highlights of the year! Use the link in the weekly e-news to register and pay. Please sign up by January 29th.

Interfaith Mental Health Coalition

New opportunity beginning [January 20](#) | noon - 1 p.m. | [First Church 232B](#)

The mission of Interfaith Mental Health Coalition of McHenry County is to encourage, educate, and enrich faith groups throughout the county to cultivate welcoming, supporting, and healing communities around behavioral health and well-being.

As a way to begin to network and educate, we are launching monthly lunch-and-learn sessions focused on mental health in the faith community. These sessions will be from noon - 1 p.m. on every third Friday of the month with rotating locations around the county. The first meeting will be here at First Church on January 20th and will kick things off with a video from this year's Church Mental Health Summit that was held on World Mental Health day. Mark your calendar for this important initiative!

For the most up-to-date information about events and programs at First Church, subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. You can do this quickly by scanning the QR code on the Get Connected Card located in the seatback of every pew.

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Devoted to Christ. Connected to others. Sent to serve.