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Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Entrance of the Christ Candle
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

No. 216

Opening Prayer

Claire Baer

Welcome

Brooke Reid

Service of Christian Baptism
Introduction

Claire Baer

Baptism Candidates & Mentors:

Sadie Beth Brannon and Kim Ballard
Thomas Michael Bullitt and Terry Walker
Konner Bradley Burross and Robert Hernandez
Michael Keith "Liam" Elyea III and Doug Kunkle
Kris Berry

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Claire Baer
Children's Message		Claire Baer
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Brooke Reid
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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.		
Anthem	<i>Fanfare for Easter</i> – Marshall	Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble
Sermon	<i>The "Whats" of Easter</i>	Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn	<i>The Strife is O'er</i> – vs. 1 & 3 <i>The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia! The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead: all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!</i>	No. 221
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution		David Collins
Prayers for the Bread & Cup		Bill Jennings & Linda C. Carr
Partaking of the Bread and Cup		
<i>All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.</i>		

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission		Dr. Mark Bender
Welcome After Baptism	No. 369	Dr. Mark Bender
Minister: Sadie, Tommy, Konner, Liam, & Kris have risen from the waters of baptism to newness of life. They have become one with the witnesses of God from all times		

and places. Through baptism, God promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit to nurture them all the days of their lives. Let us add our blessing and pledge our love as we welcome them into this living community of faith.

People: **We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's church. We praise God for the gifts for ministry that you bring to this community. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

Offertory *Jubilate Deo* – Sleeth Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble

Doxology No. 46

***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.***

Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn *Lift High the Cross* – vs. 1 & 3 No. 108

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christian, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Benediction Dr. Mark Bender

Choral Postlude *Hallelujah Chorus* - Handel Chancel Choir

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Brass Ensemble:

Brian Francis and Mike Shelton, trumpets;
Dr. Matthew Luttrell and Dr. Larry Archambo, trombones;
Rodney Bennett, bass trombone

Sermon Notes

1. The things you learn

2. The "what" of Easter

3. Paul's evaluation

4. The "so what" of Easter

5. The "now what" of Easter

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Pastor's Class	Room 402
9:30 am	Chancel Choir Brunch	Fellowship Hall
NO	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
	NO Sunday Evening Activities	
Monday, April 10		
	Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed	
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 11		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (Tu-F)	
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (Tu-F)	
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
5:30 pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Room 305
6:00 pm	Faith Formation Ministry Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Membership Ministry Meeting	Room 222
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 200
Wednesday, April 12		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	The Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (Pre-K-5)	Room 402
6:00 pm	Sheri Sutton's Lenten Bible Study	Room 310
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, April 13		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Friday, April 14		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café 2808 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Saturday, April 15		

VBS Registration Opens April 10th!

Vacation Bible School registration opens Monday, April 10, at 9:00 am! Children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us on a space adventure to explore where God's power can take them! Along the journey, voyagers discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God! Register on our website: firstchristianwf.com

Dedicate A Children's Pew Bible!

The Chapel and the Sanctuary now have Children's Bibles in the pew racks! If you and your family would be interested in dedicating a Bible in honor of a child, loved one, or friend, make your way to our order form at firstchristianwf.com/kidsbible/ Cost is \$15 each.

EASTER FLOWERS 2023

Karen J. Watson in memory of Lita Huggins Watson.

Karen J. Watson in memory of Neida Joyce Huggins.

Karen J. Watson in memory of Earl F. Watson.

Lynette Gill in memory of my daughter, Amy Renae Poirot.

Lynette & Paul Gill in honor of our daughters, Andrea, Angela, Franci and their families.

Lynette & Paul Gill in memory of our Loved Ones.

Dave & Eva Whiting in memory of Sheryl Spaulding.

Dave & Eva Whiting in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Overman.

Dave & Eva Whiting in memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.V. Whiting.

Jim & Karen LaValley in honor of Meredith LaValley.

Jim & Karen LaValley in memory of Donald & Audrey LaValley.

Jim & Karen LaValley in memory of William & Sarah Watkins.

Alan Freeman in honor of my wife.

Alan Freeman in memory of loved ones.

Doug & Vicki Kunkle in memory of Forest & Beverly Kunkle.

Doug & Vicki Kunkle in memory of William Jansen.

Doug & Vicki Kunkle in honor of Dorothy Jansen.

William Smythe, Jabin, Kylie, Daley & Maddie in memory of Sue Smythe.

Kyle & Ashley Burross in honor of our children: Konner & Kinsley Burross.

Kyle & Ashley Burross in memory of Bobby & Mary Lee Todd.

Kyle & Ashley Burross in memory of Lois & Bobby Burross and Elmer Jones.

Robert & Cindy Hernandez in memory of Alice & Norman Howland (Cindy's parents) and Bea Hernandez
and in honor of Robert Hernandez (Robert's parents).

Robert & Cindy Hernandez in honor of Drew & Allison Higgins and Melanie Hernandez.

Leigh Kidwell in honor of Nathan, Carla & Maris Moran.

Kenn Hill in memory of parents of Kenn.

Kenn Hill in memory of parents of Shirley.

Kenn Hill in honor of our children.

Martha Elms in memory of Becky Wilbank, my big sister.

Martha Elms in memory of Bill Hall, my Dad.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Kay & Richard McQuiston.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Mary Buckley.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Ainslee Buckley.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Meredith, Matt & Calvin West.

David & Catherine Gately in memory of our parents.

David & Catherine Gately in memory of Paul J. Gately.

David & Catherine Gately in honor of our siblings & siblings-in-law.

David & Catherine Gately in honor of our children & children-in-law.

David & Catherine Gately in honor of our grandchildren.

Tracey Graham-Shull & Family and Rev. Melissa Graham & Family in memory of Miles & Mary Jim Graham.

Tracey Graham-Shull & Family and Rev. Melissa Graham & Family in memory of our beloved mid-1970's Kirk Ringers, Cheryl Huff and Terri Roberts Vining.

Lois Willis & Stephenie Willis-Koontz in memory of Bill Willis.

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Kathleen Lauck in honor of Ted Lauck.

Kathleen Lauck in memory of Pat Lauck.

Kathleen Lauck in memory of Jason Lauck.

Kathleen Lauck in memory of Joe & Joyce Lauck.

Kathleen Lauck in memory of Curtis & Geraldine Pettit.

Larry & Treva Spradley in memory of Troy & Juanita Walker.

Larry & Treva Spradley in memory of Orval & Elsie Spradley.

Larry & Treva Spradley in memory of Sondra Kay Willis (sister).

Cheryl & Billy Smiley in memory of Roy & Gwen Smiley.

Cheryl & Billy Smiley in honor of Joan Stodghill.

Cheryl & Billy Smiley in memory of Jimmie K. Stodghill.

Clayton, Elizabeth, Neely & Ann Henry in memory of Dot & James Irl Montgomery.

Clayton, Elizabeth, Neely & Ann Henry in honor of Linda & Nick Gipson.

Clayton, Elizabeth, Neely & Ann Henry in honor of Emily Gipson.

Elizabeth Henry & Clayton Tompkins in memory of Brent Stratten.

Curtis Sullivan in memory of Sherry Sullivan.

Sara Anderson in loving memory of Doc Anderson.

Sara Anderson in loving honor of grandchildren: Janie & Niel Reinhart, Sara & Lance Harland, Will & Tatiana DeVilbiss, Andrew & Kiley Long, John DeVilbiss, Walker and Margaret Anderson.

Sara Anderson in loving honor of great-grandchild: Jack Harland.

Sara Anderson in loving honor of children: Frank & Tasa Anderson, Lee & Bart Bybee, Jane & Randy Long.

John Bridgman in memory of Gretchen Bridgman.

Paul & Maggie Goodrich in honor of Dr. Mark Bender.

Paul & Maggie Goodrich in honor of Board of Elders.

Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in honor of Betsy Smith.

Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in memory of Mary & Bill Lancaster, Ted Smith.

Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in honor of the Church Staff and Searcher Class.

Terry & Robbie Walker in memory of Juanita & Troy Walker.

Terry & Robbie Walker in memory of Margaret & Robert Hayes.

Terry & Robbie Walker in honor of Ty, Kristen, Taylor & Logan Walker.

Terry & Robbie Walker in honor of Rod, Elisha & Renata Walker.

Norma Hill in memory of Patt Giddings.

Norma Hill in memory of Peggy Fitts.

Curtis Dolberry in memory of Mary Kay Dolberry.

Curtis Dolberry in memory of Heather Wilson (granddaughter).

Curtis Dolberry in honor of Cecil, Brooke, Emily & Elizabeth Dolberry.

Curtis Dolberry in honor of Curtis & Janet and Ryan Wilson, Ashley & Josh.

Diana Costello in memory of John Costello Jr..

Judy Muir in memory of John.

Judy Muir in honor of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Connie & Mac Cannedy in memory of our parents – Mary & Connie Cloer and Gloria & Mac W. Cannedy Sr..

Connie & Mac Cannedy in honor of our son & wife – Cinda & Marc Cannedy.

Connie & Mac Cannedy in honor of our daughter & SIL – Jodi & Stephen Fox, Jr..

Connie & Mac Cannedy in honor of our grandson & wife – Kaitlin & Lt. Stephen Fox, III for their 1st Anniversary.

Kerry & Sharon Roach in memory of Jack & Betty Roach and Mike & Faye Tellingier.

Mark & Debbie Turnbow in honor of Peyton Rose McNeel.

David Wyatt in memory of Corliss Wyatt & Mary Beth Wyatt.

David Wyatt in memory of R.D. Wyatt & Jessie Rierson.

David Wyatt in honor of Kristen Rierson & David Rierson.

Dwight & Sandra Ross in honor of our mothers, Grady Ross and Gladys Martini.

Dwight & Sandra Ross in memory of our fathers, Dwight Ross Jr. and Dan Martini.

Dwight & Sandra Ross in honor of our children, Maggie and Dwight IV.

Dwight & Sandra Ross in honor of the FCC ministers and staff.

Linda & Glenn Tole in memory of Horace & Francis Alexander.
Linda & Glenn Tole in memory of Glenn & Wanda Tole.
Linda & Glenn Tole in honor of our kids – Tim, Tracie & Alyson.

Sandra Ketchum in memory of my son, Lanny Ketchum.
Sandra Ketchum in memory of my mother & dad, Sandown & Morie Smith.

Joe & Sherrie Vaccarella in memory of Annetta Vaccarella.

Sandy Hay in memory of Jim Hay.

Terry & Karen Burross in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Ronnie & Colleen James in memory of Jeanie Belcher.
Ronnie & Colleen James in memory of Chris James.

Sally & Russell Wilson in memory of Ralph & Jimmie Kerr.
Sally & Russell Wilson in memory of Russell & Audrey Wilson.
Chris & Jeanette Showalter in memory of Mary, Phillip and Anita Bail.

Sally Perkins in memory of Mary Ann Perkins.

Mom & Dad in honor of Susan & John Buckley.
Mom & Dad in honor of Mona & Matt Jones.

Gary & Kim Ballard in memory of our parents: P.D. & Oleta Vaught and Odell & Virginia Ballard.

Nick & Linda Gipson in memory of our parents.

Mark & Jodi Bender in honor of Abby Bender.
Mark & Jodi Bender in honor of Chelsea & Nathan McKee.
Mark & Jodi Bender in honor of the Staff of First Christian Church.

Russ & Janet Hallum in memory of Don & Chris Owen.

LyDora & Chris Martin and Family in memory of Charinda Kaye Sestak Moreira.

Debi & Larry Ballard to the Glory of God.
Debi & Larry Ballard in honor of Brandi, Jody, Sadie & Bryson.
Debi & Larry Ballard in honor of Cary, Doug, Alice & Abigail.
Debi & Larry Ballard in honor of Sadie Beth's baptism.
Debi Ballard in honor of the CWF Board.

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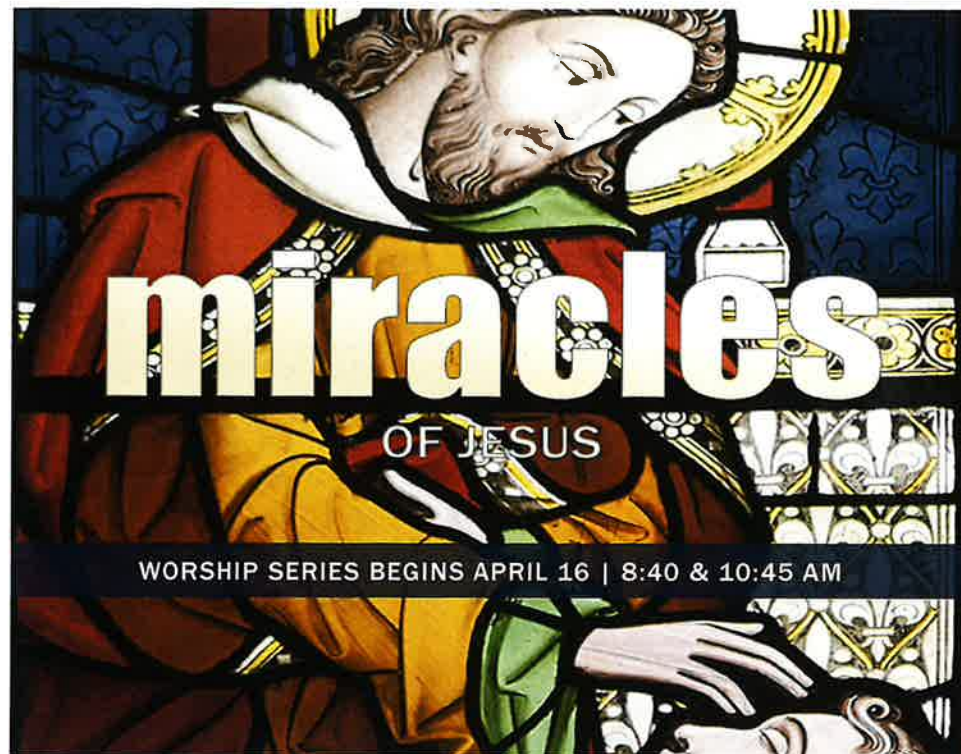
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Acts 10:39

**SUNDAY
April 2
and 9, 2023**

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Sunday April 2 and 9, 2023

On Easter, we rejoice in the good news that God's love is more powerful even than death itself. Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples witness to that good news. General ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) witness to God's love through:

- Relationships with global mission partners serving in communities impacted by climate change.
- Health and social service ministries that meet basic needs for neighbors.
- Mental health resources for pastors and congregations.
- New congregations worshipping in a variety of languages and worship styles.
- Leadership development programs that nurture new leaders in the church and the world.
- Stewardship education for congregations to grow in their practice of generosity.
- Opportunities like the General Assembly, where the church can gather for worshipful work.
- Support for hospital and military chaplains serving around the world.
- And so much more...



The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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We are witnesses to the power of God's love, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Please give generously in your congregation on April 2 and 9, or make a gift at disciplesmissionfund.org/give.