

Opening Song

"Holy Spirit"

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the candles & bringing in the elements

✕ Praise Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

✕ Call to Worship & Unison Prayer

Praise Song

"This I Believe"

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

#259

Scripture

Romans 8:6-11

#148

Sermon

"The Spirit is Life"

Hymn

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

#261

Offering and Communion Invitation/Prayer

Communion Hymn

"The Table"

Words of Institution

✕ Blessing

Extinguish candles & take the light out into the world

✕ Closing Song

"O, How I Love Jesus"

#99 vs 1 only

Call to Worship

LEADER: Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.

PEOPLE: But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.

LEADER: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

PEOPLE: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

LEADER: Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to your light.

PEOPLE: Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear.

UNISON PRAYER

We pray for unity and fellowship as we gather for this church service. Let your love flow through us, binding us together in a spirit of togetherness and support. May our differences enrich our worship, and may we find strength in our shared belief in your divine presence as the Spirit of God dwells within us. Amen.

 - Indicates to stand if you are able.

Here at First Christian Church, we practice an open Communion Table where everyone is welcome. Please come forward to receive your communion elements. Upon return to your seat we will partake of the Lord's Supper together.

Please sign the pew register, pass it to your neighbor and return it to the center aisle.

Bibles and Hymnals are in the pew racks.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, March 23rd: Looms of Love 1-3pm.

Tuesday, March 24th: Scouts 6-7pm.

Wednesday, March 25th: Bible Study 6pm; Choir 7pm.

Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 1st: April Fool's Day

Thursday, April 2nd: Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday Cross Walk begins at noon

Sunday, April 5th: Easter Breakfast 8:30-9:30

Mission Coalition will sponsor the Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk on Friday, April 3rd beginning at noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Participants will progress to downtown churches following the cross carrier for a time of readings, songs, and prayers.

Please be in the attitude of quiet reflection while processing between churches.

Easter Continental Breakfast - April 5th

Celebrate the joy of Easter by joining your church family between 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Coalition will have a bake sale on Saturday, April 18th from 9 am to 12 noon at St. Luke United Methodist Church. Please put donations of baked goods in a non-returnable covered container. Also, please price your donation. Contact Carol Macksey, 641-521-9228, for a list of suggested prices. Proceeds will go to Child Assist for adaptive equipment.

March 22, 2026
Pastor Alan Berneman
Sermon: The Spirit is Life



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