Serving Schedule: March 11th & 18th

Elders: Vickie Wise, Kathryn Jones

Deacons: Cindy Brandt, Linda Crews, Chris Layton, Lori Layton, Wayne Wise

Outside Communion: March 11th- Donna Smith, Kay Wise

March Greeters: Paul & Linda Crews and Family

Worship Leaders: March 18th- Paul Crews March 25th- Kris Milliron

Video Tech: Children’s Sermon Children’s Church

March 11th- Lori Layton Donna Smith Virginia Bryant

March 18th- Josh Hoffelmeyer Jill Buck Amber VanDyke
March 25th- Carla Fricke Julie Hoffelmeyer Tiffany Thornton

 BIRTHDAY

03/12 Loretta Absher 03/14 Beth LaGore

03/12 Jeanette Root 03/16 Zach Gaba

ANNIVERSARIES

 PRAYER LIST

Ayden Wright Rebecca Shrader Charles Estill Jeanne LaRue

Lin Hessel Oleta Wilson Coradean Naylor Helen Merchant

Roberta Reed

 March 4th, 2018 Upcoming Church Events

 **Sunday School:** 14**March 11th-** Sr. High Youth 7-8:30 p.m.

 **8:00 a.m. Service**: 27 **March 12th-** Bell choir 11:00 a.m.

 **10 a.m. Service:** 46 **March 14th**- Elem. Youth 5-6:30 Jr. High 7-8:30

**Worship total: 73** at Covenant Presbyterian

 Women’s Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m.

 Baptism Class 2:30-3:45 p.m.

 Executive Board, General Board and Elders

 5:45, 6:30 & 7:15 respectively

 Maundy Thursday rehearsal 8:00 p.m.

 First Christian Church

Marshall, Missouri

# March 11th, 2018 (*Fourth Sunday of Lent*) 10 a.m. Worship Service

###### Pastor: Rev. Loy Hoskins Pianists: Donna Smith & Kay Wise

We are pleased to have you worship with us today. Please sign the registry as it is passed. If you are visiting, please share your address. A nursery is provided near the East entrance for children through age five if desired. If you have difficulty with hearing, please contact an Usher for a hearing device.

**Prelude**  “How Great Thou Art” **Bell Choir**

**Processional Hymn** “Awesome God” **Renew # 245**

 ( two times)

##### Welcome Tim Clemens

**Meet and Greet** “God’s Wonderful People” **All Sing**

**In the Life of the Congregation Tim Clemens**

##### Call to Worship Tim Clemens

##### Gathering Hymn “Down at the Cross Where My Savior Died” Blue # 292

 (verses 1,2 & 4)

##### Litany of Worship

Leader: For God so loved the world…

**People: Because God is filled with love for all...**

Leader: He gave us his only Son…

**People: God sent us a savior, a redeemer, his son, Jesus the Christ.**

Leader: So that everyone who believes in him might be saved.

**People: It is our faith in God’s love and son that grants us eternal life.**

**All: Love is the beginning and the end. Love conquers all.**

 **Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Matthew 6:7-15**

 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

**“Glory Be to the Father”** **Blue #559**

**Special Music** “ Come to Jesus” **Bell Choir**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Children’s Sermon Donna Smith**

##### Invitation to Communion

**Communion Prayer**

**Communion Hymn “**My Jesus, I Love Thee”  **Blue # 78**

**Serving Of Communion**

The celebration of the Lord’s Supper is the central focus of our faith and worship together. All who believe in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of the sacraments.

 **Act of Commitment and Dedication Through Communion**

##### Offertory Statement

##### Offertory Selection “ Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Donna Smith & Kay Wise

##### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings “Doxology” Blue #556

##### Prayer of Dedication

**Reading from the Gospel: John 3:14-21**

**Sermon** “God Loves” **Rev. Loy Hoskins**

#####

##### Invitation

Any person desiring to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, or to transfer

their church membership to this congregation, is now invited forward.

 Hymn of Invitation “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  **Blue # 134**

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

Benediction

**Closing** “I Love You, Lord”  **Renew # 36**

(verse one)

 Church Announcements

Please take a moment to fill out a “Thinking of You” card for our members who are unable to attend our service. This week we will remember **Virginia Algermisson.**

The FCC 175th anniversary memory book, Bound Together, is being compiled.  It’s not too late to include your memories of and hopes for First Christian Church.  Please give or email your memories to the office for inclusion by March 15.  We hope to go to press in time to have the book ready by Easter on April 1.

Congregational business meetings will be held following both worship services on March 18 to approve the new slate of trustees and elders and deacons serving on the church board.

The First Christian Church offers one or more general scholarships through the Scholarship Committee. Application forms are available through the Church Office.

This year’s Lenten devotionals, “Walking in Newness of Life” from the Society of St. Andrew, will be available to help guide you through each day of the season of Lent. They include a daily scripture reading, meditation, and prayer. There are enough for each family to take one.

The Fellowship Committee will host a fellowship dinner following the 10:00 worship service today. Please stay and join us for fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and more.

If you have participated in the Maundy Thursday service in the past, and are willing to help again, please contact Hope at the Church office. Practice dates will be March 14th following the Elder’s Meeting, and March 21st and 28th at 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 14 meetings will be held for the Executive Committee (5:45), Church Board (6:30), and Elders (7:15).