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Today's Date: February 24, 2019

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Many of us give in ways other than putting money in the offering plate each week. Some of us give online at the church's website, or use our bank's online bill pay. Some of us make one large annual gift, or we fulfill our pledge by making a gift once a month. We give our time and our talents because all of our gifts make a difference. Note ways to participate on the reverse side.

Gold envelopes are available in the pews for any financial gifts you would like to give today. Place this card in the offering as a symbol of a gift you've made in another way.

**Opportunities** for the Week of February 24-March 3

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| Today     | 9:00  | Small Group Bible Study in the Friendship Classroom                      |
|           | 9:00  | Small Group "Doubt" Video Series and Discussion in the Balcony Classroom |
|           | 9:15  | Choir Rehearsal  |
|           | 10:00 | Worship and Fellowship   |
| Monday    | 8:00  | Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous                               |
|           | 9:00  | Newsletter Submissions Due   |
|           | 9:30  | Vintage Kings & Queens Play Cards  |
|           | 10:00 | Staff Meeting  |
| Tuesday   | 7:00  | Table Topics   |
| Wednesday | 10:00 | Fold & Label the Newsletter  |
|           | 7:00  | Choir Rehearsal  |
| Thursday  | 9:00  | Ladies Coffee Group at Panera, 2645 Lawndale Ave.                        |
|           | 6:30  | Table Talk at the Home of Cliff and Louise Greaves                       |
|           | 8:00  | Al-Anon and Alateen  |
| Sunday    | 9:00  | Small Group Bible Study in the Friendship Classroom                      |
|           | 9:00  | Small Group "Doubt" Video Series and Discussion in the Balcony Classroom |
|           | 9:15  | Choir Rehearsal  |
|           | 10:00 | Worship and Fellowship   |
|           | 5:30  | NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project at FCC                                   |
|           | 5:30  | Children & Families Potluck & Program at FCC                             |
|           | 8:00  | Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous                               |

**Preaching Next Week**

Melissa Guthrie Loy

**What gives you sustenance?**

Join us next Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday service. As we enter the Lenten season we will ground ourselves in the promise that Christ sustains us.

**Serving Next Sunday, March 3**

**Acolyte** Charlie Manley **Elders** Dean McPhail and Cliff Greaves **Deacons** Nick Miller, Don Moehring, Leah Guthrie Loy, Robertson Rcham, Patti McDonald, and Les Rose

**Worship Leader** Babs Gordon **Children's Moment** Melissa Guthrie Loy

**Children's Church** Amanda Desselles and Dona Norwood

**Coffee Hour Host** Marsha Rose **Building Responsibilities** John Flynt

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Amanda Desselles, Children's Church Leader Holly Lail, PYF Teacher



Sunday, February 24, 2019

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Music** "We Shall Overcome"

African-American Spiritual  
Arr. Chuck Marohnic

**Lighting of Candles and Processional**

Izaac Myers

**\*Choral Call to Worship**

Haugen

"All Are Welcome" (v. 1)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**\*Proclamation**

Jimmy Gawne

In this very room, there's quite enough love. In this very room, there's quite enough joy. And quite enough hope, and quite enough power. We sing of and we share God's love and joy and power. Come, let us sing to the Lord Jesus who is in this room and is with us beyond this place.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

No. 73  
WELLESLEY

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Jimmy Gawne

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Response in Praise** "Gloria Creator Dei" W. Faulkner



**Words of Welcome** Baylee Smith

**Ministry Moment**

**Scripture** Luke 6:27-38 Jimmy Gawne  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Moment** Paul Snyder  
*Children's Church does not meet on the last Sunday of the month so that the whole church can worship together. The nursery is available for younger children.*

**Prayers of the People** No. 295  
Preparation for Prayer IN THIS VERY ROOM  
**"In This Very Room" (v. 1)**  
***In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.***  
Pastoral Prayer Baylee Smith

**Sharing our Gifts** Bill Inmon  
Call to Offering  
Offertory *Our gifts support the ministry of this congregation, here in our community and around the world. The gold envelopes in the pews can be used for general gifts to First Christian. The connection card in this bulletin can also symbolize gifts made electronically.*

\*Response "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***  
Dedication of Gifts Bill Inmon

**Anthem** "Let Us Love One Another" Arnold B. Sherman

**Scripture** Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Jimmy Gawne  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "And after that..." Shannon Axtell Martin

**Sharing the Feast** No. 426  
Communion Hymn "The Voice of Jesus Calls His People" THE VOICE OF JESUS  
Call to Communion Baylee Smith

One: This is the table of company with Jesus.  
**Many: It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.**  
One: It is the table of communion with the earth,  
**Many: in which Christ became incarnate.**  
One: So come to this table.  
**Many: It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.**

Words of Institution Baylee Smith  
Prayer for the Bread and Cup John Flynt  
One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, share in the feast.  
*All who seek to follow Jesus are invited to share in communion. Eat the bread as it is passed; hold the cup to drink in unison.*  
One: We eat the bread individually, because Christ meets us each where we are. We drink the cup as one, because together we are the body of Christ.  
*The cup is shared.*  
One: We give you thanks, O God. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and shares with us now.  
**Many: Amen.**

**Invitation to Discipleship** Baylee Smith

**\*Hymn of Dedication** No. 231  
"Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us" HOLY MANNA

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Izaac Myers

**\*Benediction** Shannon Axtell Martin

**\*Postlude** "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Thank you to our guest preacher, Shannon Axtell Martin.  
The proclamation is adapted from the hymn "In This Very Room," by Ron and Carol Harris. Communion liturgy adapted from the Iona Community.

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*Feel free to share Joys and Concerns:*

- participate* Let us know your plans.
- I'm interested in playing cards with the Vintage Bunch Kings & Queens tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., at the church
- I plan to join in the Table Topics conversation Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- I can help fold and label the newsletter Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- Fa la la la la... I'll be at choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- I'm interested in Table Talk at the home of the Greaves this Thursday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m.
- I will be at the small group video series and discussion, "Doubt," next Sunday at 9 a.m.
- I'll be at small group Bible Study next Sunday morning at 9 a.m.
- I am willing to be a greeter on a Sunday morning.
- We're coming to the Children & Families Potluck & Program next Sunday, March 3, at 5:30!
- I'll be at NYP youth group next Sunday, March 3, at 5:30 at FCC.
- I plan to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m.
- I'm praying for our church and our world.
- Other: