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Today's Date: March 10, 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 March 10-March 17

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
	11:15	Board Meeting
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	10:00	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	11:30	Vintage Bunch Creative Aging Program
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:15	Table Talk Serves Dinner at the YWCA, 1807 E. Wendover
	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
	4:30	NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project Progressive Dinner
	5:30	Parents' Night Out at FCC
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Caitie Smith

Caitie is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She completed a two year clergy residency at Community Christian Church, Kansas City, MO. She was also a part-time Associate Minister for Peace Christian Church UCC, her ordaining congregation, and worked afterward as a chaplain at University of Louisville hospital. She currently serves as the Director of Residential Services for Family Abuse Services of Alamance County, a non-profit serving individuals and families impacted by domestic violence. Caitie is married to Rev. Jimmy Gawne, a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ordained minister who is a member here at FCC.

Serving Next Sunday, March 17

Acolyte Izaak Myers **Elders** Robin Lund and Mike Wildman **Deacons** Emily Boerckel, Helena Epstein, James Thomas, Susan Cox, Kasey Bogan, and Lewis Woodruff
Worship Leader Judy Grubbs **Children's Moment** Paul Snyder
Children's Church Amanda Desselles and Laura Murray **Greeter** Sam Tucker
Coffee Hour Host Louise Greaves **Building Responsibilities** Bill Wiley

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Sunday, March 10, 2019, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music

FCC Handbell Choir
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Hymn Tune: Rathbun
Arr. by Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867)

Lighting of Candles and Processional

Jack Wildman

***Choral Call to Worship**

No. 503
ROCKINGHAM
"O Christ, the Healer" (v. 1)
**O Christ, the healer,
we have come to pray for health,
to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?**

***Proclamation**

Larry Hulighan
The Lord God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love. We cry for help and God says,
"Here I am." The Lord forgives, guides us continually, and satisfies our needs
in parched places. We join our voices in prayer and praise.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 65
EIN' FESTE BURG
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Larry Hulighan
**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 Patri" GREATOREX
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

Words of Welcome Susan Cox

Ministry Moments Eleanor Bray and Olivia Steadman

Scripture Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Larry Hulighan
One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Susan Cox
*Following the Children's Moment, children age 3 through 2nd grade
are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.
Children's Church leaders: Amanda Desselles and Meredith Cooper*

Prayers of the People
Preparation for Prayer No. 340 THOMPSON
"Softly and Tenderly" (refrain)
**Come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling—calling,
"O sinner, come home!"**

Pastoral Prayer Susan Cox

Sharing our Gifts
Call to Offering Cliff Greaves
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** OLD ONE HUNDREDTH
**Praise God who binds our broken lives.
Praise Christ, the broken body rise.
Praise Spirit binding hearts with care.
Praise Triune binding all that share. Amen.**

Dedication of Gifts Cliff Greaves

Anthem "All That I Am" William Grant Still (1815-1867)

Scripture Romans 10:8b-13 Larry Hulighan
One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Message "Before and After" Susan Cox

Sharing the Feast
Communion Hymn "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You" No. 565
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
Susan Cox

Call to Communion
One: Come to the Lord's Table.
Many: We give thanks for God's love.
One: Come to the Lord's Table.
Many: We confess our sin.
One: Come to the Lord's Table.

Many: We know God forgives and satisfies our needs.
Words of Institution Susan Cox
Prayer for the Bread and Cup Dean McPhail

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 Susan Cox

***Hymn of Dedication** No. 622
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Jack Wildman

***Benediction** Susan Cox

***Postlude** "Ein Fest Burg" Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
**Please stand as you are able.*

Many thanks to our guest preacher, Susan Cox.
Susan is a member here at FCC, and she is the Program Director of the
Community Support & Nutrition Program at One Step Further.

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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praying Feel free to share Joys and Concerns:

- participate* Let us know your plans.
- After worship today I'm heading to the Board Meeting.
 - After worship today I'm heading home (but I'm always praying for our church and our world!).
 - I plan to attend Vintage Bunch for the Creative Aging presentation on Nutrition this Wednesday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m.
 - I'll be at choir rehearsal Wednesday.
 - I am interested in contributing food or helping serve at the YWCA shelter with Table Talk this Thursday.
 - 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.
 - We plan to drop the kids off at 5:30 p.m., next Sunday, for Parents' Night Out.
 - I can help the leader with Parents' Night Out next Sunday.**
 - I'm joining NYP youth group next Sunday at 4:30 p.m., for a Progressive Dinner! Meet at FCC. **Note the earlier start time.**
 - Other: