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**Today's Date: March 3, 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 3–March 10

Today	9:00	Small Group Bible Study in the Friendship Classroom
	9:00	Small Group "Doubt" Video Series and Discussion, Balcony
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	3:00	Elders Training in Friendship Classroom
	5:30	NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project at FCC
	5:30	Children & Families Potluck & Program at FCC
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	10:00	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	7:00	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	9:00	Men's Coffee Group at Panera, 2645 Lawndale Ave.
	7:00	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:00	Wishview Children's Center Staff Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	6:30	Table Talk at Mythos, 3900 West Market St.
	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
	11:15	Board Meeting
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**Ash Wednesday and Lent**

As disciples we ground ourselves in the promise that Christ sustains us. On Ash Wednesday, ashes—dust, dirt from the ground—mark us with a symbol of our human sinfulness and mortality. But we live sustained by God's forgiveness, presence and love. Join us this Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m., for worship, and each Sunday throughout Lent.

**Preaching Next Week: Susan Cox**

**Serving Next Sunday, March 10**

**Acolyte** Jack Wildman **Elders** Cliff Greaves and Dean McPhail **Deacons** Troy Desselles, Crystal Flynt, Bill Lund, MaryKate Holden, Jamie Cannady, and Dona Norwood  
**Worship Leader** Larry Hulighan **Children's Moment** Susan Cox  
**Children's Church** Amanda Desselles and Meredith Cooper  
**Coffee Hour Host** Laura Tebow **Building Responsibilities** Bill Wiley

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**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Music**

"Allegro, ma non troppo" from Sonata in G, Op. 49, No. 2  
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

**Lighting of Candles and Processional**

Charlie Manley

**\*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**

Babs Gordon

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**

No. 2

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

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

Babs Gordon

**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** Melissa Guthrie Loy

**Ministry Moment** John Flynt

**Scripture** 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Babs Gordon  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Moment** Melissa Guthrie Loy  
*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 Dona Norwood*

**Prayers of the People** No. 295  
Preparation for Prayer IN THIS VERY ROOM  
***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 Melissa Guthrie Loy

**Sharing our Gifts**  
Call to Offering Dean McPhail  
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 Dean McPhail

**Anthem** "Imagine" John Lennon (1940-1980)

**Scripture** Luke 9:28-43a Babs Gordon  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "Go figure! Go, transfigured." Melissa Guthrie Loy

**Sharing the Feast** No. 182  
Communion Hymn PICARDY  
Call to Communion Melissa Guthrie Loy

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 Melissa Guthrie Loy  
Prayer for the Bread and Cup Bill Inmon  
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. All are invited to come forward to share in these gifts by taking a piece of the bread and dipping it into the cup. If you prefer to remain in your seat, a deacon will bring communion to you.*  
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** Melissa Guthrie Loy

**\*Hymn of Dedication** No. 633  
"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" LANCASHIRE

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Charlie Manley

**\*Benediction** Melissa Guthrie Loy

**\*Postlude** "Prelude in B flat" J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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.
- We're coming to the Children & Families Potluck & Program tonight at 5:30!
  - I'll be at NYP youth group tonight at 5:30 at FCC.
  - I am an Elder and I will be at the Elders meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m.
  - I plan to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m., this Wednesday.
  - I'll be at choir rehearsal Wednesday following Ash Wednesday worship.
  - I will be at Table Talk this Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Mythos.
  - 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 a Board member and will be at next Sunday's meeting at 11:15.
  - I'll be at Handbell Choir Rehearsal next Sunday at 11:15.
  - I plan to attend Vintage Bunch for the Creative Aging presentation on Nutrition to be held Wednesday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m.
  - I'm praying for our church and our world.
  - Other: