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**Today's Date: March 17, 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 17-March 24

Today	9:00	Small Group Bible Study, Friendship Classroom
	9:00	Small Group "Doubt" Video Series, 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
Monday	10:00	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Piedmont Global Preschool Staff Meeting, Friendship Classroom
Tuesday	5:00	The ARC Mentor Program, Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Table Topics
Wednesday	7:30	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:30	Table Talk on Tap, Gibb's Hundred Brewing, 504 State St.
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Friday		Senior Wheels
Sunday	9:00	Speaker Series featuring Elizabeth Brewington
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

**Did God Kill Jesus?**

What an interesting question! Table Topics will gather each Tuesday evening beginning this Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m., to discuss Tony Jones' book *Did God Kill Jesus?* The author wants to restore the cross as primarily a symbol of God's overwhelming love for us and to rescue Christians from the shame and guilt from seeing our situation as "sinners in the hands of an angry God," which was an invention of the medieval church and became enshrined as orthodox Christianity. Contact James Thomas with questions. Pick up a copy of the book or come March 19 for an overview of the conversation.

**Preaching Next Week: Rev. Baylee Smith**

**Serving Next Sunday, March 24**

**Acolyte** Ashley Siu **Elders** Mike Wildman and Robin Lund **Deacons** Brad Light, Debbie Light, Olivia Steadman, Madison Steadman, Larry Collins, and Meredith Cooper **Worship Leader** MaryKate Holden **Children's Moment** Darilyn Knibb **Children's Church** Amanda Desselles and TBD **Greeters** Jim and Laura Tebow **Coffee Hour Host** Sue Hulighan **Building Responsibilities** Bill Wiley

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**Sunday, March 17, 2019, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Music**

"Ballade No. 1 in G minor" Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)  
Arr. by Phillip Keveren

**Lighting of Candles and Processional**

Izaak Myers

**\*Choral Call to Worship**

"O Christ, the Healer" (v. 1) No. 503  
ROCKINGHAM  
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**

Sam Tucker

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**

"The God of Abraham Praise" No. 24  
LEONI

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Sam Tucker  
**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** Baylee Smith

**Scripture** Psalm 27 Sam Tucker  
 One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Moment** Paul Snyder  
*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 Laura Murray*

**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 Baylee Smith

**Sharing our Gifts**  
 Call to Offering Robin Lund  
 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 Robin Lund

**Anthem** "Come Sunday" Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

**Scripture** Luke 13:31-35 Sam Tucker  
 One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** Caitie Smith

**Sharing the Feast**  
 Communion Hymn "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" (vs. 1, 3, & 5) No. 101 QUEBEC

Call to Communion Baylee Smith  
 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 Baylee Smith  
 Prayer for the Bread and Cup Mike Wildman  
 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** Baylee Smith

**\*Hymn of Dedication** No. 110 HANOVER  
 "You Servants of God"

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

**\*Benediction** Baylee Smith

**\*Postlude** "Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Many thanks to our guest preacher, 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.

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 PRAY Feel free to share Joys and Concerns:

- participate* Let us know your plans.
- A three-course meal at three different places! I'm joining NYP youth group today at 4:30 p.m., for a Progressive Dinner. Note the earlier start time!
  - We plan to drop the kids off at 5:30 p.m., today, for Parents' Night Out. Whoohoo! A night out!
  - Did God Kill Jesus? What an interesting question! I'm interested in the Table Topics discussion starting this Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m., at the church.
  - I'll be at choir rehearsal Wednesday.
  - I'm interested in stopping by Table Talk on Tap this Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m., at Gibbs, 504 State St. Gibb's has a "Drink & Draw" event that will be happening while Table Talk is there, including an art-cart full of goodies, themes, and other surprises!
  - Interested in next Sunday's Speaker Series featuring Elizabeth Brewington who will discuss the opioid crisis. Coffee at 8:45, presentation at 9:00.
  - We would like more info about summer camp.
  - I can bring diapers for the diaper drive. Collection ends Mother's Day.
  - I'm praying for our church and our world.
  - Other: