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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 24–March 31

Today	9:00	Speaker Series featuring Elizabeth Brewington
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
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	5:00	The ARC Mentor Program, Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Table Topics
Wednesday	10:00	Fold and Label Newsletter
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00	Ladies Coffee at Panera on Lawndale
	6:30	Table Talk
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Sunday	9:00	Small Group Video Series in Balcony Classroom
	9:00	Small Group Bible Study in Friendship Classroom
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Did God Kill Jesus?

What an interesting question! Table Topics gathers each Tuesday evening 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." Pick up a copy of the book or come by to check out the conversation.

Preaching Next Week: MaryKate Holden

Serving Next Sunday, March 31

Acolyte Mosey Bogan **Elders** Spencer Smith and Faith Manley **Deacons** Emily Boerckel, Helena Epstein, James Thomas, Susan Cox, Kasey Bogan, and Lewis Woodruff
Worship Leader TBD **Children's Moment** Amanda Desselles
No Children's Church **Greeters** Jim and Laura Tebow
Coffee Hour Host TBD **Building Responsibilities** Bill Wiley

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



Sunday, March 24, 2019, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music

"Fantasie-Impromptu" Opus 66, Middle Theme Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

Lighting of Candles and Processional

Ashley Siu

***Choral Call to Worship**

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

MaryKate Holden

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**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 16
NETTLETON

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer** MaryKate Holden
**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

Ministry Moment James Thomas

Scripture Psalm 63:1-8 MaryKate Holden
One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Darilyn Knibb
*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
Preparation for Prayer No. 340
"Softly and Tenderly" (refrain) THOMPSON
**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 Mike Wildman
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 Mike Wildman

Anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Traditional Southern
Folk Hymn, Setting by Gilbert Martin

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9 MaryKate Holden
One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Message Baylee Smith

Sharing the Feast
Communion Hymn "We Come as Guests Invited" No. 386
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN
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 Robin Lund
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. 709
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Ashley Siu

***Benediction** Baylee Smith

***Postlude** "Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland" Choral Prelude
"Jesus Christ, Our Savior" setting by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
**Please stand as you are able.*

Many thanks to our guest preacher, Baylee Smith. Baylee serves on staff at United Way of Greater Greensboro and the Greensboro Faith Leaders Council. She is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and serves on the North Carolina Commission on Ministry. Baylee holds a M.Div from Wake Forest University School of Divinity. She is a native of Virginia and has called North Carolina home since 2010.

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participate Let us know your plans.

- I'm a part of the handbell choir and will stay for rehearsal after worship.
- I'm interested in playing cards with the Vintage Kings & Queens tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.
- Did God Kill Jesus? What an interesting question! I'm interested in the Table Topics discussion on Tuesdays, and I plan to come this week.
- I'd like more information on the Table Topics group before committing to this Tuesday's conversation.
- I can help fold and label the newsletter this Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- I'll be at choir rehearsal Wednesday.
- Dinner? I need to eat. I plan to come to Table Talk Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- I can bring diapers for the diaper drive. Collection ends Mother's Day.
- I can make a contribution to help our church representatives participate in the General Assembly.
- I'm praying for our church and our world.
- Other: