

**Get Connected** *Stay Connected*

**Your presence here matters.**

*connect*

*Fill out this Connection Card and include it in today's offering. New around here? Address changes? Fill out what's relevant.*

**Today's Date: March 31, 2019**

Your Name(s)

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

Email

*give*

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 31-April 7*

Today	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
Monday	10:00	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	5:00	The ARC Mentor Program, Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	9:00	Men's Coffee Group at Panera on Lawndale
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:30	Table Talk
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Sunday	9:00	Speaker Series Featuring Rachel Baker
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	5:30	NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project at FCC
	5:30	Potluck & Program for Children & Families at FCC
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

**Next Speaker Series features Rachel Baker Sunday, April 7**

Rachel is the Immigration Advocacy Program Coordinator for the North Carolina Council of Churches and will speak to how the church can address issues of immigration. Light breakfast at 8:45 a.m.; presentation at 9:00. Join us next Sunday for this event.

**Preaching Next Week: Rev. Jimmy Gawne**

**Plan to join us for Holy Week Services**

We'll gather together on Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m., and Good Friday, April 19, at 12:00 p.m. Easter morning: breakfast and egg hunt at 9:00 a.m.; worship at 10:00.

Can you contribute fruit, bread, or a breakfast casserole for Easter breakfast? Can you contribute candy or non-candy fillers for the egg hunt? Sign up on the Connection Card.

**Serving Next Sunday, April 7**

**Acolyte** Steve Rmah **Elders** Spencer Smith and Faith Manley **Deacons** Nick Miller, Don Moehring, Leah Guthrie Loy, Robertson Rcham, Patti McDonald, and Les Rose

**Worship Leader** Caleb Phelps **Children's Moment** TBD

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

**Coffee Hour Host** Marsha Rose **Building Responsibilities** Jim Tebow

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



**Sunday, March 31, 2019, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Music**

“O Rest in the Lord” *from* “Elijah”

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

**Lighting of Candles and Processional**

Mosey Bogan

**\*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**

JoAnn 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**

“I Love Your Church, O God”

No. 274

ST.THOMAS

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

**Ministry Moment** James Thomas

**Scripture** Matthew 8:24-27 JoAnn Tucker  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Moment** Amanda Desselles  
*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**  
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 MaryKate Holden

**Sharing our Gifts**  
Call to Offering Spencer Smith  
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 Spencer Smith

**Anthem** "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman  
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

**Scripture** I Kings 19:9-12 JoAnn Tucker  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "A Still, Small Voice" MaryKate Holden

**Sharing the Feast**  
Communion Hymn "Blessed Quietness" No. 267  
BLESSED QUIETNESS  
Call to Communion MaryKate Holden

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 MaryKate Holden  
Prayer for the Bread and Cup Faith Manley  
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** MaryKate Holden

**\*Hymn of Dedication** No. 344  
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ASSAM

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Mosey Bogan

**\*Benediction** MaryKate Holden

**\*Postlude** "Ein Fest Burg" Johann Nicolaus Hanff  
(1665-1711)

*\*Please stand as you are able.*  
Many thanks to our guest preacher, MaryKate Holden.  
MaryKate has three children. She does a lot of crafts, reads, and loves to sing.  
MaryKate has degrees in dance therapy and genetics. She teaches science.

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*prms* Feel free to share Joys and Concerns:

*participate* Let us know your plans.  
 I'm an Elder and will be at Tuesday's meeting at 7 p.m.  
 I'm interested in stopping by Panera at 2645 Lawndale for the men's coffee group Wednesday at 9 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. Stay tuned for location.

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. At least three of our members need assistance with costs of registration and travel to the GA in Des Moines, Iowa, in July.  
 I can contribute candy or non-candy fillers for Easter Eggs. Bring fillers this week or next Sunday morning.  
 I can contribute fruit, bread, or a breakfast casserole for Easter breakfast.

I'll be at youth group or the children & families potluck and program next Sunday.  
 I'm interested in the Vintage Bunch trip April 10 to Ava Gardner Museum.  
 Other: