



KEYNOTER

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FCC Welcomes Our Newest Member



First Christian Church is pleased to welcome Connie Price into the church family.

Connie is retired and is the joyous pet parent of a little white bichon named Abby. Connie enjoys reading and knitting, with Abby by her side.

Connie resides in Georgetown. You can contact Connie at connie.price@twc.com.

Connie became a member of FCC on January 17, 2021. When you see Connie, say hello and let her know how thankful you are that she chose FCC as her new church home.

OUR STAFF

Senior Minister
Rev. Chris Cash

Director of Music Ministry
Dr. Cully Bell

Child, Youth, & Family Director
Alison Fisher

Accompanist
Kelli Evans

Administrator/Accountant
Teresa Buta

Maintenance/Housekeeping
Scott Jarvis & Derek Jarvis

Nursery Attendant
Marcia Wallace

Webmaster
Jessi Jump

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
11:00 am – 3:30 pm
fccgeorgetown.org
502-863-2049

Please check the weekly mailchimp, the bulletins, and with the office for minister's schedules as they are subject to change weekly depending on the needs of the church. If you'd like to make an appointment please contact the church at 502-863-2049 or fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net



We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

White Christmas

"White Christmas," sponsored by the Outreach and Community Service Committee, is a joint effort with the Share the Joy program in Scott County to provide Christmas gifts for children in need in our community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our White Christmas ministry! Your generous gifts of money, clothing, toys, and time were greatly appreciated by the those we were able to help. Here are quotes from a couple of texts we received from our families.

"[I] just wanted to extend an Xtra Special Thank u for making me and [my son] have a Blessed Holiday and a Very Merry Christmas!! U made my son's Christmas and help me a Great Deal"

"My girls love everything. [...] Thank you again for making our Christmas special."

Martha



Happy New Year to everyone!

First, thank you to the staff who have continued to be flexible and patient in working through new approaches to programming and worship for the church. I also wanted you to know that our committees and groups have been continued their work, even in different ways. And thanks to Martha Harris' efforts, White Christmas really was white! For everyone who has helped keep programming going, thank you. It is very much appreciated.

One of the focuses this past year has been on safety. A comprehensive safety plan was approved by the board in January. We've also added additional first aid kits, emergency response information, new signage, exit crash bars, safety glass in the narthex front doors for light & visibility, and more. A new fire alarm system was installed in January. These efforts have been largely due to the Property Committee and the Safety Work Group, so I'd like to thank each of them.

The Capital Campaign Committee has begun its work this month. With all the above improvements, there are still things that we need to both keep the church functioning and improve the function- mainly a new HVAC system and first floor restrooms. Please pray for them as they begin their work and pray for our church so that our light will continue to shine in our community. Barb Southworth, Board Chairperson

Kids and Youth

Youth Group

FCC Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 3**, on the church Zoom for anyone interested, at **6:30 pm**.
Zoom ID number: 747 159 1922

Kid's Group

FCC Kid's Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 10**, on the church Zoom for anyone interested at **6:30 pm**. Zoom ID number: 747 159 1922

Kentucky Youth Merge on Zoom

Youth Merge Group is on **Sunday, February 21, at 5:00 pm via Zoom**. RSVP to alison.fisher@scott.kyschools.us so we can get you added to the list and grouped appropriately for breakouts. I will send out the Merge Link after you RSVP.

Thank You

Staff Thank You

FCC Staff would like to thank the congregation for your generous Christmas gifts to us. We're grateful to serve along with you and look forward our continued service this year!
Chris, Teresa, Cully, Kelli, Alison, Scott, Derek, Marcia, and Jessi

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you so very much for thinking of our sweet students at Garth Elementary. The school supplies will make learning in this new climate much easier. We appreciate this project of the Outreach Committee and the church.

Lisa Payne, Librarian - Garth Elementary School

Safety Plan & Volunteers Needed

The church is implementing a new program to enhance safety of those in attendance, which was recently approved by the board. Steve Jones has volunteered to be the Chair of the Safety Subcommittee and lead this endeavor. The Safety Subcommittee, as part of the Administrative Committee, will support the overall safety functions in the church. This will include assuring appropriate signage, first aid supplies, resource materials, updating procedures, establishing training when needed, recruiting volunteers for the safety team, and establishing a schedule for volunteer coverage for services.

One of the next things needed is finding interested people who would like to serve as Safety Volunteers. These people will assist the church is responding in a supportive way to events that happen within the church. Safety volunteers are recruited to be present during worship services to provide support for those in attendance in addressing situations that occur and providing a needed response. Examples of response might be helping provide first aid, call for emergency responders in case of fire, medical or other emergencies, assisting with evacuation of attendees, working with individuals who come in requesting assistance of some kind, helping to address behavioral issues that may be disruptive to others, and helping attendees to safety if severe weather or when there is danger to physical security.

We are asking members to consider this function. As a new function, we anticipate some training being involved. We also anticipate that it will take some time for the team to come together and be ready to serve in this capacity. Overall, we hope that having these volunteers and this team will provide an approach that enhances our ability to reach out and respond to those in need, whatever it may be. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Steve Jones at skord2003@yahoo.com.

Offerings & Outreach

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Needed Monthly
\$20,368.00

Received in December
\$42,292.95

As of the end of December 2020

YTD Income: \$293,054.84
YTD Expenses: \$245,319.29

Outreach Giving

Contributions collected as of December 31, 2020 for outreach giving are as follows:

Amen House: \$2458.00
Blanket Sunday: \$1,635.00
Week of Compassion: \$4041.76
DOC Easter Offering: \$25.00
DOC Reconciliation Offering: \$70.00
Christian Church in Kentucky: \$100.00

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Linda Gentry
Nancy Lewis
Jonathan Dickinson

FAMILY

Mary Overall (Aunt of Horace Hambrick)

FRIENDS

Jamie & Miles Whitaker (of Jean Hall)
Jim Grant (of Sarah Messick)
Patsy Cook Wilson (of Anne Hall)

HOMEBOUND

Louise Price (Windsor Gardens)

Kroger Rewards Code

You can support FCC through your Kroger Rewards. New enrollees will just enter code ED328 on your rewards account.

Month of Compassion at FCC



The Outreach/Community Service Committee will be sponsoring a number of activities throughout February to highlight Week of Compassion, our denomination's relief, refugee, and development mission fund. This year's theme is "Let Love Flow," based on Isaiah 49:10: "Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty, shade from the sun, shelter from the wind, For the Compassionate One guides them, takes them to the best springs."

- look for inspirational quotes and other items related to Week of Compassion on the church's Facebook page;
- committee members will be providing "Moments for Mission" during worship that highlight some of the places where Week of Compassion dollars flow;
- the committee will be hosting a 45-minute virtual breakfast gathering and discussion at 10am on February 28 over Zoom. The focus will be on the need for access to clean water.
- Week of Compassion and their work surrounding clean water access will also be the focus of our worship on **February 28**, with a water-themed worship service and a video sermon by a Week of Compassion staff person.
- we will not be selling fair trade coffee or chocolate this year, but as a reminder, you can order these directly from Week of Compassion partner Equal Exchange (<https://equalexchange.coop/>). Another wonderful source for fair trade coffee is Café Justo (<https://www.justcoffee.org/>).

The church will also be conducting its annual Week of Compassion offering on the 28th. Here are ways you can give:

- dropping off a check at the church, with Week of Compassion on the subject line;
- donating directly at <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/donate.html>. There is a place there to identify your congregation;
- text WoC to 41444.

Amazon Smiles ☺

Do you purchase from Amazon.com? Amazon will make a donation to FCC for every purchase you make. Just log onto your Amazon account and under your name select "account & lists". From the drop-down menu, select "AmazonSmile Charity Lists". Enter "First Christian Church Georgetown KY" and select.

AMEN House

FCC is still receiving food and cash donations for the AMEN House. You may bring your donations on Sunday mornings or bring them to the church office.

Special Events on Zoom

(Zoom ID number: 747 159 1922)

Wednesday Night Study

Our Wednesday Night Study resumes on **February 10 at 7:30 p.m.** on Zoom. Each week, we'll cover the portion of the Sermon on the Mount that was the focus in that previous Sunday's worship & sermon. You'll have a chance to ask questions and offer your perspective from the sermon as we also explore the particular text more deeply together. New and returning faces are always welcome!

New Sermon Series: "A Whole Way of Life for a Fragmented World"

What does God's dream for the world look like? What would a life of wholeness and thriving look like for us as people of faith? **Starting February 7**, we'll begin exploring Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" (found in Matthew 5-7) and how it provokes our imagination in answering those questions. The series will carry us through the season of Lent and a bit beyond as Jesus' teachings call us into a better way of living.

Ash Wednesday Service

We'll offer a live 20-25 minute Ash Wednesday Service on Zoom on **February 17 at 7:30 p.m.** A pre-recorded Ash Wednesday experience will also be posted on the church YouTube page on February 16 to watch on-demand on the 17th if you are unable to participate in the live service. In lieu of distributing ashes, you're encouraged to use dirt from your yard or a potted plant to impose on yourself during the service.