

First Christian Church  
—GEORGETOWN—  
**KEYNOTER**



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## Lent & Easter 2023 at FCC!



We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday on Feb. 22 and continue through Easter Sunday on April 9. “Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith” is our Lenten theme as we explore questions found in the lectionary texts for each week that invite us into reflection and transformation. Copies of our Lenten devotional booklet and daily prayer cards are still available at main entrances.

There’s a place for you on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in-person in the sanctuary or via live-stream at [www.facebook.com/fccgeorgetown](https://www.facebook.com/fccgeorgetown) as we explore these questions:

March 12- Will You Give Me a Drink?

March 19- Who Sinned?

March 26- Can These Bones Live?

April 2- Palm Sunday- Where Are You Headed?

April 9- Easter Sunday- Who Are You Looking For?

You’re also invited to join us for a **Holy Week service on Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.** as we remember both Maundy Thursday and make the journey to the cross. The service will be live-streamed as well.

### OUR STAFF

**Senior Minister**  
Rev. Chris Cash

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Rev. Larry Metzger

**Child, Youth, & Family Director**  
Alison Fisher

**Accompanist**  
Pam Bridges

**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](https://www.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](mailto:fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net)

Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am



*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.*

## Capital Campaign Dinner

As we near the end of the second year of our three-year capital campaign, we'll be celebrating together what we've accomplished so far with a dinner on **Sunday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Watch for more information soon!



**Celebratory Dinner**  
**Sunday, April 23**  
**5:00 p.m.**

# Kids & Youth

## Vacation Bible School

On **Sunday, March 19**, in the chapel directly after worship, there will be a very short meeting to pick out curriculum, dates, and sign up for jobs for Vacation Bible School this summer. If you are interested in staying for this, please sign up on the bulletin board and Alison Fisher will email out the curriculum options to you to peruse at your leisure.

## FCC Easter Egg Hunt

The annual FCC Easter Egg Hunt will happen in the side lawn following church on **Sunday, March 26**, after church. Hopefully this will allow families traveling during Spring Break to still participate in this tradition. If you would like to donate candy or eggs (we do have a couple boxes full of eggs to fill though), please give it to Alison Fisher or place it on the front pews before the 26<sup>th</sup> so we will have time to fill eggs.

## Summer Camp Sign-Up

The Christian Church in Kentucky offers summer camps for children and youth completing kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Camp Wakon Da Ho (in Liberty, KY) and Camp Kum By Ya (in Benton, KY). These are great opportunities for children and youth to make memories and experience faith formation, fun, and new friends! Sign-up for these camps are underway and the church covers half the cost for FCC campers. If you missed our camp informational lunch on March 5, printed copies of camp information are available at the entrances. Please contact the church office you have questions about camp or the sign-up process.

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## Open and Affirming Process Update

The Compassionate Hospitality team is guiding our congregation through the process of becoming an officially Open & Affirming congregation. Four weeks of learning sessions are being offered as part of this process and we've had great turnout for these sessions. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., both in the chapel (each of these 2 opportunities are identical). We all have plenty to learn, so we hope you'll join in these opportunities!

- The video from our Compassionate Hospitality Sunday Worship Service on February 12: <https://youtu.be/HTolbiomTyw>
- The video for Week One, "LGBTQ+ Language & Basics" can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/-qpGSWA-Fbw>
- The video for Week Two, "Physical & Mental Health Basics & LGBTQ+ Children of God" can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/MulkJErIjOY>
- Wednesday, March 8 & Sunday, March 12- Rev. Chris Cash, leader- Week 3- What does scripture say about inclusion, welcome, and LGBTQ+ children of God?, Part One
- Wednesday, March 15 & Sunday, March 19- Rev. Chris Cash, leader- Week 4- What does scripture say about inclusion, welcome, and LGBTQ+ children of God?, Part Two

## Messaging Team Seeks Your Input on Logo

The Messaging Team is asking you to vote for your favorite logo for First Christian Church. **Now until Sunday, March 19**, three options will be on display in the Gathering Area. Each poster will feature a grouping of logos in the same theme. Ballots will be available for you to cast your vote for your favorite group; please vote only once. Help us choose our new image to represent ourselves to our neighbors.

## Gathering Place Meal

Our church will be providing the evening meal for the Gathering Place Mission on **Thursday, March 30**. The menu for the meal is sliced ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, rolls, and cookies/dessert. We will also need 2 one-gallon jugs of lemonade, bottled water, and disposable plates, cups, napkins, and knives and forks for 60-65 people. If you can help by providing a portion of the meal (enough to feed 10-12 people), paper goods, or you would like to volunteer to help serve the meal, please contact Mark Messick at 859-489-6949 or [mark.messick64@gmail.com](mailto:mark.messick64@gmail.com). There will also be a sign-up sheet by the Clinton St. entrance.

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## Offerings & Outreach

### Tithes & Offerings

Needed Monthly	Received in February
\$23,050.07	\$16,272.00

### As of the end of February 2023

General Budget YTD Income: \$44,757.63  
General Budget YTD Expenses: \$48,468.32

### Outreach Giving

Contributions collected as of February 28, 2023 for outreach giving are as follows:  
Amen House: \$450.00                      Week of Compassion: \$4,481.63  
Blanket Sunday: \$1,025.00              WOC Disaster Relief: \$100.00  
Ukraine Relief: \$100.00

## PRAYER LIST

### MEMBERS

Pat Clark  
Sage Osborn  
Cecil Lewis  
Christy Messick  
Nancy Lewis

### FAMILY

Dorothy Mitchell (mother of Debbie Hockensmith)  
Sympathy to the family of Byron Creech (cousin of Gary Kincaid)

### FRIENDS

Carrie Grimmer (of Erin Cash)  
All those affected by COVID-19

### HOMEBOUND

Charles Haggard (Ashton Grove)

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### Kroger Rewards Code

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

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## Stork Support!

Clay McKee and Lea Ellen Rogers welcomed baby Casen Thomas on March 4. In addition to a congregational gift, we would love to shower this new family with some stork support provides meals for FCC families with newborns. You can sign up to provide an entire meal yourself, or coordinate with others from the list to provide parts of a meal. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful program, contact Alison Fisher at [alison.fisher@scott.kyschools.us](mailto:alison.fisher@scott.kyschools.us) to put you on the list. We will email the google sheet out to coordinate meals once Clay and Lea Ellen give us times.

## Thank You!

Thank you for your support of Week of Compassion (the relief, refugee, and development ministry of our denomination) during our "Month of Compassion". We had a great breakfast on Feb. 26 with Melissa Coulston from Kentucky Refugee Ministries sharing an update about their work (KRM is one of the many partners that Week of Compassion supports). We also presented KRM with a check for \$1,000 from our Toyota Matching Fund for their work with refugees. To date, we have received \$4,481.63 in gifts to Week of Compassion this year and while Month of Compassion is now over, you can give to Week of Compassion at any time by placing a designation for them on your check or envelope.

## Rev. Katherine Alexander Doctoral Project- An Invitation to Reflection

There's still time! On **Sunday, March 19**, everyone's invited to participate in the Money Reflection Debriefing Session, **3:00-5:00 pm** in the fellowship hall. Anyone involved in leadership roles (Board, elders, deacons, cabinet, etc) are especially encouraged to attend, but anyone in the congregation is welcome and encouraged! Beforehand, you just need to do an Interview with a person of your choice. If you don't already have the Interview Guide, email Katherine Alexander at [katherineraley@gmail.com](mailto:katherineraley@gmail.com). This Reflection process is an important part of our congregation's desire to live out our Identity Statement, striving "for righteousness, wholeness, and justice in a fragmented world."

## At-Home Communion

The Deacons and Elders will return this month to taking communion to our members and friends who cannot be present in Sunday morning worship. If you or someone you know would like to receive communion at home, please let Chris or Erin Cash know ([erin.miller.ky@gmail.com](mailto:erin.miller.ky@gmail.com) or 859-533-7543). People may be on the list permanently or for a short period of time, such as after a surgery or during a particularly vulnerable time.

## Church Mowing Team

We rely on a team of volunteers to help mow the church yard each year. The church has a push-mower and weed-eater on-site, so you do not need to bring your own equipment (unless you prefer to do so). The rotation system means each person/small team mows about every 6<sup>th</sup> week or so at most. If you would like to help care for our grounds in this way, please contact Gary Kincaid (502-542-9006) by March 15.