

# First Christian Church

—GEORGETOWN—

# KEYNOTER



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## FCC Welcomes New Member Vicki Miller!



Vicki has worshipped with us for a few years, is a part of the Adult Sunday School class, and officially joined as a member on December 1. She resides at 119 Turtle Point Drive, Georgetown, KY, 40324. If you have interest or questions about membership, you can contact Chris Cash, Senior Minister, at any time.

### OUR STAFF

#### Senior Minister

Rev. Chris Cash  
chriscashky@gmail.com

#### Director of Music Ministry

Jeremy Crockett-Sturgill  
choirfccdocgeorgetown@gmail.com

#### Child, Youth, & Family Director

Carly Dickinson  
Carly.dickinson@gmail.com

#### Accompanist

Pam Bridges

#### Administrator/Accountant

Teresa Buta  
teresa@fccgeorgetown.org

#### Maintenance/Housekeeping

Scott Jarvis & Derek Jarvis

#### Nursery Attendant

Marcia Wallace  
Gracelyn Parriman

#### Web & Social-Media

Coordinator  
Sara DeVane

#### 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](mailto:fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net)

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

## First Christian Church Outreach



### White Christmas Gift-giving Program

We've been provided with the names of 20 local children, and we will provide 4 gifts for each child: something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read. Congregants can participate by choosing a tag with a child's particular wish or clothing/shoe size and bringing the wrapped gift to church. We'll be collecting those gifts **until Sunday, Dec. 8.**

### Share the Warmth

Georgetown-Scott County EMS is accepting donations of **new** winter gloves, hand-warmers, hats, and scarves for those in need for its "Share the Warmth" program.

A donation bin for these items will be set up in the gathering area of the church near the Clinton Street entrance. These items can be dropped off in the bin any Sunday and the Outreach Committee will get them to the EMS.

You may also drop off items any time to the EMS station front lobby at 141 South Broadway, Georgetown.



## Advent/Christmas 2024 at FCC



Our "Words for the Beginning" Advent series is filled with blessings- words we need to hear again and again as we begin a new season. These are words to live, words to support, words to sustain, words that remind and invite focus. This year's theme also incorporates imagery from quilts and the craft of quilting.

### Advent & Christmas Worship (11:00 a.m. unless noted)

**Sunday, Dec. 1-** Advent 1- You Are a Blessing

**Sunday, Dec. 8-** Advent 2- We Can't Go Alone

**Sunday, Dec. 15-** Advent 3- Do the Good That Is Yours To Do

**Sunday, Dec. 22-** Advent 4- Hope Is Worth the Risk

**Wednesday, Dec. 24-** Christmas Eve Service- 8:00 p.m.-

Love Knows Your Name

**Sunday, Dec. 29-** Christmas Worship (including Carol Sing)-

Don't Forget to Laugh

**Sunday, Jan. 5** – Epiphany Sunday & Star Words- The Road Isn't Straight

### Blue Christmas Service

**Wednesday, Dec. 18 – 6:15 p.m.**

The holidays aren't always happy for everyone, but they are holy. We'll hold space for hard and painful times with candles, communion, reflection, and prayer. Whether you are struggling this holiday season or simply want to remember and hold space for those who are, join us for this reflective experience. The service will last 30-40 minutes & be live-streamed on our Facebook page. Supervision for children will be provided (there is no dinner on Dec. 18).



**Get Your FCC Shirts**  
T-shirts and sweatshirts can now be ordered with our message of inclusion proudly displayed on the front. Forms are available in the church office and on the tables by both entrances for you to order your shirt. We have options for hoodies, long sleeved shirts, and T-shirts in either white or navy blue. Please make payment at time of order.

Hoodies in Adult/Youth sizes: \$28 each 2X+ add \$3  
Long Sleeve in Adult/Youth/Toddler sizes: \$19 2X+ add \$3  
Short Sleeve in Adult/Youth/Toddler sizes: \$15 2X+ add \$3  
Crew neck sweatshirt in Toddler sizes: \$25

**It’s Christmas Parade Time!**  
For the second year in a row, FCC will have a float in the Georgetown Christmas parade on **Saturday, December 7**. We will need people to help prepare our float decorations on **Wednesday, December 4**. For the float, we need Victorian-looking Christmas tree decorations (shatterproof; will be returned to you) and a few Victorian-era toys (replicas are best) like a stick horse, drum, rocking horse, etc., as well as lots of candy to hand out! If you have items we can use or would like to ride on or walk beside the float, please contact Erin Cash at 859-533-7543. Candy donations can be left in the basket in the Gathering Area.

**DWF Kitchen Shower - December 2024**  
As its final service project of the year, the DWF is sponsoring a kitchen shower to replace needed items for our kitchen to support our "green" initiative. You are invited to assist with this effort. While December is our target date, items may be purchased in 2025. For your convenience, a registry has been established on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1EOGYXMRLDNW7> Item(s) will be shipped to Rosalie Calloway, who will take them to our church. If you are uncomfortable using Amazon, please feel free to ask for assistance from Rosalie or Audrey Carr. You are welcome to purchase a comparable item from another vendor if you prefer. If you opt to do this, please let Rosalie know so she may remove the item from the registry to prevent duplicate purchases. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Sunday Morning Parking**  
We have a great challenge- both our parking lots have often been full several Sundays this fall as worship attendance has increased! Our Clinton Street lot is especially used by those with younger children or with mobility challenges. If you usually use the Clinton Street entrance and are able to do so, please consider using street parking one block over on Jackson Street and walk through the Clinton Street lot to the church. If you park on the College Street side, the city lot just below our dedicated lot is available for use as well if the lot and street parking are full.

**Inclement Weather Policy**  
In the event of inclement weather, you can find information about the closing status of FCC activities at [www.fccgeorgetown.org](http://www.fccgeorgetown.org), our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/fccgeorgetown](https://www.facebook.com/fccgeorgetown)) and on WKYT Channel 27’s listings ([www.wkyt.com](http://www.wkyt.com)). We will also send out a church-wide e-mail. Wednesday programs are cancelled if Scott County Schools are out that day due to weather. For Sunday worship, we will evaluate based on both road and parking lot conditions. If we are open, you are still encouraged to use your own judgment and comfort level. In the event that in-person worship is canceled, we will hold a time of sharing, prayer, and communion together on the church Zoom (meeting ID: 747 159 1922 passcode: 40324) at 11:00 a.m. that Sunday morning (which will last around 20 minutes).

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Offerings & Outreach		As of the end of November 2024
<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings</u>		
Needed Monthly	Received in November	General Budget YTD Income: \$256,611.70
\$24,163.57	\$47,375.00	General Budget YTD Expenses: \$255,723.13

Outreach Giving: Contributions collected as of October 31, 2024 for outreach giving are as follows:	
Amen House: \$3,182.00	Week of Compassion: \$3,715.00
Blanket Sunday: \$960.00	WOC Disaster Relief: \$1,975.00
Ukraine Relief: \$650.00	DWF Blessing Boxes: \$295.00
Pentecost Offering: \$225.00	Elizabeth’s Village: \$200.00
Easter Offering: \$75.00	Reconciliation Offering: \$515.00
Guatemala Mission Trip: \$550.00	KY Disaster Relief: \$200
School Supplies: \$405.00	The Gathering Place \$500.00
Thanksgiving Offering: \$100.00	

**PRAYER LIST**

**MEMBERS**  
Jean Matheny  
Jacque Hukill  
Donna Ward  
Cecil Lewis

**FAMILY**  
Mary McBurney (grandmother of Carly Dickinson)  
Carmen Wagner (daughter of Jim & Rosalie Calloway)  
Brent Poole (cousin of Debbie Hockensmith)  
Sympathy and prayers to Cecil & Nancy Lewis, Johnny Grigsby, and family in the death of Johnny's father and Nancy's brother, Seldon Grigsby

**FRIENDS**  
John Bowman & Kimberly Moore (of Julie Knipp & Linzi Wixom)

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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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**Caroling- Wednesday, December 11**  
We'll go caroling in small groups to some of our home-centered members. This is open to all ages- simply gather in the fellowship hall a few minutes prior to **6:15** as we divide into groups to make visits and carol together. (We will also still have our Wednesday night dinner that night at 5:45)



**Recognizing Our Staff at FCC**  
It is a tradition at First Christian Church to honor our minister and staff with a monetary gift during the Christmas season as a way of saying thank you and showing your appreciation for their leadership and service to the church and congregation throughout the year. You can participate by sending or dropping off your monetary gift marked **STAFF** by **December 15**, so we can honor them before Christmas.  
Phil Logsdon, Board Chairperson

**Children & Youth Advent Play & Activities- Sunday, Dec. 15**  
Meet in fellowship hall at **3:00 p.m.** to practice a \*short\* kids' play-- we will be acting out the Worship & Wonder Advent story after the Christmas meal (which is at 5 pm)! The kids do not need to memorize any lines but older readers will have the opportunity to narrate the story. We will also have hot cocoa and make Christmas cookies to share at the meal.

**Christmas Dinner Potluck and Children & Youth Advent Play**  
**December 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall

- The Fellowship Committee will provide turkey, dressing, rolls, and beverages.
- Attendees are asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert, serving 6-8 persons.
- Pre-registration is not required, but to assist in planning please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back hall to indicate the number attending by Wednesday, December 11.

**Decorators Needed**  
If you like crafting, here is your opportunity. There are 12 artificial wreaths located in a blue tote in front of the Fellowship Hall stage. You are invited to take **one or more** to decorate for the dining tables for the December 15 church-wide holiday potluck. Carly is providing advent candles that will go in the middle of each to complement the children's Christmas play. Therefore, all you need to do is use your creative skills to decorate the wreath. Decorated wreaths need to be returned to Fellowship Hall by December 14. Please let Rosalie Calloway or Audrey Carr know if you have taken a wreath (s).

**AMEN House/Blessing Box Collection- Sunday, January 5, 2025**  
For our monthly First Sunday Food Collection, both food items and monetary donations will be collected and blessed at the start of the worship service. All food items collected will be shared through our Blessing Box on College Street and monetary donations will be given to the AMEN House. We welcome all kinds of non-perishable food donations for the Blessing Box and items with pop-tops that do not require a microwave/stove to prepare can be especially helpful to some in our community. Sharing these resources helps address food insecurity here in Scott County. (Food items can also be donated throughout the month by placing them in the red wagon in the hall outside the chapel)

**Disciples Women's Fellowship**  
**Dec 16 at 5pm** in the Gathering Area  
Lesson Christmas devotional  
Service Project: Kitchen Shower

**Wednesday Night Schedule**  
There will be NO Wednesday night meal or Kids/Youth/Adult Groups on December 18 & 25 and January 1 due to the holidays.

**Office Holidays Schedule**  
The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays and additional days off that Chris & Teresa will both be taking during that span. Our elders will still be available over the holiday week to respond to pastoral care needs & emergencies. On Thursday, January 2, the church office will resume its normal hours of 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday).