

8:30 AM

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Gathering Music		Dr. Bob Blair
Welcome & Life of the Church		Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>“A Might Fortress Is Our God”</i>	#65
*Gathering Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 62:5-12	Rev. Meredith Siler
Sing Along		
Scripture Reading	Mark 1:14-20	Dr. Opsata
Sermon	Alone	Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship		Dr. Opsata
*Hymn of Discipleship	<i>“Amazing Grace”</i>	#546
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Morning Prayer		Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Christian Stewardship		Rev. Siler
Receiving Tithes and Offerings		
*Doxology/ Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Siler
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		
Invitation and Words of Institution		Rev. Siler
Communion Hymn	<i>“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”</i>	#589
Elder’s Prayer		Patty Peavler
Partaking of the Lord’s Supper		
	<i>Please receive the bread and cup as it is passed and partake. You are welcome at the Lord’s table whether you are a member of this congregation or not.</i>	
Benediction		Dr. Opsata
*Postlude		Dr. Bob Blair

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Our Nursery is located on the 1st floor next to our Welcome Center

Prelude		Dr. Bob Blair
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>“A Might Fortress Is Our God”</i>	#65
*Greeting and Gathering Chorus	<i>“He Is Lord”</i>	#117
*Gathering Litany		Jana Thompson
Leader:	God alone offers strength and hope.	
People:	We welcome God’s reign, making it our refuge.	
Leader:	Let us pour out our hearts, trusting God with everything, even our failings and deepest concerns.	
People:	God alone is unshakable.	
Leader:	God alone is our refuge and strength.	
People:	God alone delivers and saves us.	
Leader:	God alone is our shelter and home.	
*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer	(unison)	Jana Thompson
Loving God, in this season of Epiphany, your reign has drawn close-so close we can almost touch it. Help us see that we already live under your covenant of peace. May our worship today draw us closer to you and to one another. When we measure greatness by status and success, you challenge us to find true greatness in following Jesus. You call, but we often run away, and even when we follow, we often falter and fail. But your kindness never falters, your love never fails. So keep us on the path of peace and guide in the way of justice and mercy. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:		
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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
*Gloria Patri		#35
Scripture Reading	Psalm 62:5-12	Jana Thompson
Special Music		Chancel Choir Dr. Carl Smith, Director

Children’s Blessing		Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata
<i>Children welcome in the name of Jesus. Children welcome in the name of love. All are welcome in the name of Jesus. All are welcome in the name of love.</i>		
(Children go to appropriate class)		
Worship & Wonder (CWW—ages 3-K) Room 305		
Following Jesus (FJ– grades 1-3) Room 306		
Junior Youth Worship (JYW-grades 4-5) Room 308		
Invitation to Christian Stewardship		Rev. Meredith Siler
Offertory		
*Doxology		#48
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Siler
Scripture	Mark 1:14-20	Dr. Opsata
Sermon	Alone	Dr. Opsata
Invitation to Discipleship		Dr. Opsata
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Morning Prayer		
Dr. Opsata		
Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
Communion Hymn	<i>“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”</i>	#589
Invitation to Communion		Rev. Siler
Words of Institution and Prayer		Rev. Siler
		Jean Anne Webb
		Raymond Webb
Partaking of the Lord’s Supper		
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Benediction		Dr. Opsata
*Sending Forth	<i>“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”</i>	#446
*Postlude		Dr. Bob Blair

IN OUR PRAYERS Those serving in the Military and as Law Enforcement Officers, May Lou Alexander (Ashwood), Jerry Allen (Mariane Braden), Hazel Arnold, Ann & Joshua Banta (Judy Richards), Jackie Barney, Maria Bartholomew, Julia Blackburn (Tom & Eleanor Penn's granddaughter), Ron Burgess, Chet Care, Katie Hecker Carney (Sun Spirit Fallis), Walter Chism (Judy Richards), Phyllis DiCapua (Priscilla Barnes), Bill Eggin (Sue Tutt), Teri Elliot (Sun Spirit Fallis), Davey Fallis, Eulane Fortune, Beth Blackburn Fraley (Eva Ellis), Cheryl Gayhart, Bill Grugin (Dixie Grugin), Jill Hayes (Janice Clark), Ann Hester, Richard Hite (Nancy Miracle), Tyler Howard (Ann Howard), Lynda Jalbert, Alex Jensen (Ann Winn Vansant), Elizabeth & Addison Judy, Ethan Lewis (Eva Ellis), Bob and Patricia Lippert, Reva Sherman-Matthews (Whitney Sherman), Jerry Mayes (Fred Lee), Jim McWilliams, Chuck Mitchell (Fred Lee), Don Mitchell (Valerie Ramsey's father), Sally Monroe, Michael Perniciaro (Linda Davis), Bob Pullen, Sue Ramsey (Larry Cox), Mary Rhodes (Jerry & Sandy Rhodes), Dwight Richards (Kent Richards), Judy Richards, Jacob Roberts (Lynda Jalbert), Anne Robbins (Judy Richards), Ilse Rogers, Kathy & Rebecca Ryan (Jayne Arnold), Chester & Ann Snelling, Casey Sparrow (Valerie Ramsey), Angel Dugger Subbert (Misty Judy), James Tandy (Judy Richards), Betty Thurman, Susan Tileston (Sue Care), Stephen Tutt (Sue Tutt), Riviera Ueltschi (Sun Spirit Fallis), Doris Versey (Fred Lee), Tony Versey III (Fred Lee), Judy Walden (Donna Fiero), Glenn Webster (Dixie Grugin), Phyllis Yocum (Larry Cox), all victims of disaster and violence in our world.

THANK YOU Thank you for your kindness and thanking God for you. In loving memory of my mother, Katie L. Jones. Donna Williams and Family

THANK YOU I wanted to thank everyone for their support and the opportunity to receive a scholarship. It truly means so much that everyone in the church supports me so much. Thank you all! Brian Tramontin

THANK YOU Thank you so much for your generous donation throughout 2017. With your help, the Food Pantry will be able to provide groceries to more than 3,000 families this year. This gift demonstrates everyone's concern for their neighbors here in Franklin County. The Food Pantry's ability to provide food for hungry people within our community would not be possible without caring people like you! Again, thank you. We deeply appreciate your support of the Food Pantry. Sincerely, John Heltzel, President, Emergency Community Food Pantry

THANK YOU As the New Year gets under way, I wanted to take a moment to tell you what a difference you made last year to help Sweet Blessings continue growing and helping children/families in the Bluegrass Region. In 2017, volunteers made 2,733 birthday cakes in our three locations, that's a 24 percent increase over 2016, but that's not all. We have added children with special needs to our scope of services, reached out to new referral sources, continued the expansion in Harrodsburg and increased our number of regular volunteers. Because of supporters like you, Sweet Blessings has been able to serve more than 9,300 cakes since its inception; a stunning number of children and cakes. As we reach milestone after unbelievable milestone, we couldn't do it without your help. Thank you for making all this possible. We ask that you continue to pray for the children/families we serve and our ministry. Blessings, Ashley Boyd Gann

ELDER HOLIDAY DINNER The Elder Holiday Dinner will be held **tomorrow night, January 22, at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend, please let Beckie Glander know. This will take place of the regularly scheduled Elder's Meeting.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION MEETING On **Tuesday, January 23, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** there will be a Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. This is a non-partisan, gun violence prevention organization working to raise awareness and improve our gun laws. Join us to learn about our Kentucky Chapter and what you can do to help fight bad gun laws in the legislative session.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The FCC Property Committee is looking for volunteers for a work day on **Saturday, January 27**. We will have donuts and drinks @ 8:30 a.m. We will then discuss any concerns or events coming up for 2018. Then we will break into smaller groups and tackle some simple repairs/fixes for items around the church. RSVP to Kevin Blackburn at 502-229-4948 or blackburn4948@gmail.com.

DWM LUNCHEON The next DWM Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, January 28, following the 10:45 am Service**. Please RSVP to Leslie Stamper at lstamper2015@gmail.com or the church office.

FIRST FRIDAYS Ms. Elle and her staff invite you to bring your children (birth through 5th grade) to the church for an evening of seasonal fun—snack supper, crafts, recreation and a movie on **February 2 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Youth (6th through 12th grade) are invited to join as Youth Helpers. Please RSVP to Ms. Elle at 502-229-4686 by **January 31** so we can provide appropriate staffing and food.

FEBRUARY FOLLIES Follies Gone Hollywood: Lights! Camera! Action! The Follies are almost here and our youth need our help in raising money for their summer mission trip. This is their only fundraiser. We as a church community have always been dedicated to supporting our youth and there are so many ways to help. You or your church group can get an act together (no talent is too great or small), create a silent auction basket, donate other items/services for the auction, or give a monetary donation. You can also sponsor a youth for the trip - \$130 per youth. The youth will appreciate any and all assistance given. Lunch and the show will be held on **Sunday, February 11, directly after the 10:45 am service**. Cost for lunch is \$8 per adult and \$4 per child. If you can help in any way, please contact Karen Howard at 502-229-3061. Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministry!

KEENAGERS Due to all the colds and flu viruses going around, and the unpredictability of the weather, Keenagers will not meet this month. We'll get back together **Thursday, February 15**, to celebrate Valentine's Day! Details to come.

<p>Sunday, January 21 8:30 Chapel Service 9:30 Faith Formation 10:15 Family Faith Fellowship (CCLC) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 5:00 Coffee House</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 24 4:00 Little Acorns 5:00 Children's Choir 5:30 Fellowship Meal (CCLC) 6:15 Ministry Fair Kid's Corner (Ms. Elle) JYF (Ms. Maurya)* Chi-Rho (Ms. Trina) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal *JYF meets on the 3rd Wednesday</p>
<p>Monday, January 22 10:00 Prayer Group (Rev. Meredith's Office) 6:00 Elders Dinner (FH) 6:30 Boy Scouts (4th Floor) Girl Scouts (Room 310)</p>	<p>Thursday, January 25 9:00 Newsletter 3:15 Sheri Locke (Rm 309) 3:30 Nan Rickerts (Keystone) 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 23 11:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Al Anon (Keystone) 5:30 AA Meeting (Keystone) 7:00 Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America (FH)</p>	<p>Saturday, January 27 8:30 Work Day 9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)</p>

OFFICE HOURS	Monday	8:00 am—3:00 pm
	Tuesday	8:30 am—3:00 pm
	Wednesday & Thursday	8:00 am—3:00 pm
	Friday	Closed
DEADLINES	Messenger Deadline	Tuesday by Noon
	Bulletin Deadline	Thursday at 9:00 am

Welcome

"At First Christian Church our mission is to be and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.' To be a faithful church demonstrating true community, deep spirituality and a passion for justice."

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