

WE ARE DISCIPLES

We are Disciples.....
 We prepare God's table for all,
 as it was prepared for us.
 We embrace the old,
 the heartsick, the outcast,
 the different.
 We believe Love wins.....

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar: The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

For those who desire our prayers: The family of Diana Reeder, Ethan Jenkins, Jackie Bailey, Judy Cain, Ken Howard, Gracie Grant, Jim Gross, Jean and John Roberts, Jack Duby, Wendell Jones, Tim Stevens, Anne Buckner, Rex Chaney, Maggie Miles, Ned Breschel, Tony Honeycutt, Jim Fred Cassity, Eva Johnston, Hedy Caldwell

For those celebrating birthdays: Joshua Pack (4/01)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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| Apr. 1 | 7:00 PM | Full Board Meeting (Zoom) |
| Apr. 2 | 7:00 PM | Women of the Bible (Zoom) |
| Apr. 3 | 6:00/7:00 PM | Bells/Choir rehearsal |
| Apr. 4 | 7:00 PM | Vespers (Zoom) |

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| Minister | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Music Director | Genny Jenkins |
| Keyboardist | Jiyeon McGillicuddy |
| Interns..... | Mason Pack, Logan Smalley, Riley Stephens, Katie Webb |
| Liturgist..... | Cathy Thomas |
| Elder | David Perkins |
| Greeter..... | Fran Helphinstine |
| Audio/Visual Team..... | Maddox Reinhardt, Braeden Trent |
| Nursery Attendant..... | Ellie Williams |
| Brass Choir | Nick Brewer, David Keeton, Nick Lyon |
| | Elijah Sword, Sydney Thompson |

Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MOREHEAD

Welcome to worship!

We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Childcare: All children are welcome in our service. Parents please keep your children with you. There are children's bulletins available at the entrances to the sanctuary and a worship activity center in the back. Our nursery (2nd floor) is open at 10:30AM for ages 0-4 years.

Communion: Our communion is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Jesus. Pick up a prepackaged communion cup with grape juice, available at either entrance to the sanctuary.

Offering: To contribute financially to the ministries of our congregation, gifts may be placed in the offering boxes at any entrance to the sanctuary. To visit our website for online giving options, scan QR code.

How to become a member: We are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), welcoming all who seek to follow in the ways of Jesus. To learn more about us and how to join with this congregation, speak to Pastor Nancy. Look for upcoming Guest Gatherings to learn more about who we are and how to be a part of FCC Morehead.



FCC Giving

Acknowledgement of Land (an act towards reconciliation)

For thousands of years, First People have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the Lower Triplet Creek watershed, part of the traditional territory of the Shawnee, Cherokee, and Osage people, past, present, and emerging, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

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GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Easter Affirmations

Rev. Nancy Gowler

Alleluia is not just a word, it is a way of living...

How many ways can we shout 'alleluia!'?

When the dawn breaks, that is an alleluia;

when the stone rumbles, that is an alleluia;

when the grave-clothes rustle, that is an alleluia;

when the birds sing, that is an alleluia;

when the women run, that is an alleluia;

When the darkness ends, that is an alleluia!

How many ways can we share 'alleluia!'?

When the bread is divided, alleluia;

when the table is set, alleluia;

when the hungry are fed, alleluia;

when peace is celebrated, alleluia;

when communities are brought together, alleluia;

When neighbors love each other, alleluia!

How many ways can we live with 'alleluia!'?

When we live life fully, we live with alleluia;

when we say, "Christ is Risen!", we live with alleluia;

when we trust the future, we live with alleluia;

when we hold onto hope, we live with alleluia;

when we follow the Risen Christ, we live with alleluia;

when we believe resurrection, we live with alleluia. Alleluia, Amen!

*Sung Response

Alleluia



Postlude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Jiyeon McGillicuddy

SACRED STORIES

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| Scripture Reading | Isaiah 25:6-9 | Cathy Thomas |
| Listen now for Word and wisdom in the reading of Holy Scripture. | | |
| Our hearts and minds are open. | | |
| Anthem | <i>This Joyful Eastertide</i> | FCC Choir Brass Choir |
| Scripture Reading | Acts 10:34-43 | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Heavenly words for earthly people, | | |
| Thanks be to God. | | |
| Sermon | <i>Embrace Amazement</i> | Rev. Nancy Gowler |

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

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| Song of Response | <i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> | 216 |
| Prayers of the People | | David Perkins |
| Lord of the Risen Christ... hear our prayer. | | |
| 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. | | |
| Communion Anthem | <i>By Your Cross</i> | FCC Choir |
| Passing of the Peace | | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Peace be with you... And also with you. | | |
| Invitation to Communion | | David Perkins |
| All are welcome at Christ's table. Everyone is welcome at Christ's table. | | |
| Our Story at the Table | | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Communion Prayer | | David Perkins |
| The Sharing | | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Meditation | <i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i> | Jiyeon McGillicuddy |

Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

*“Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous to be understood....
Let me keep my distance, always, from those who think they have the answers.
Let me keep company with those who say “Look!” and laugh in astonishment, and
bow their heads.”*
—Mary Oliver
**indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit*

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

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| *Gospel Reading | Mark 16:1-8 | Cathy Thomas |
| Alleluia! Christ is Risen! | | |
| Christ is risen indeed! | | |
| *Song of Praise | <i>From All that Dwell Below the Skies</i> | 49 |
| Welcome & Call to Worship | | Cathy Thomas |
| Come and celebrate this day of days! | | |
| Today we are delighted to be God's people. | | |
| Today we are overflowing with joy as God's children. | | |
| Today we say “Yes” to resurrection, | | |
| yes to justice and peace, | | |
| yes to love and forgiveness, | | |
| yes to new life in Christ. | | |
| Alleluia! Christ is Risen! | | |

Celebration of Baptism

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| Blessing of the Water | | Rev. Nancy Gowler |
| Dear friends, on this joyful day of resurrection, we come again to this living water. Together let us recall the meaning of baptism. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. | | |
| For by one Spirit we are baptized into one body— | | |
| Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—And all were made to drink of one Spirit. | | |
| Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. | | |

Rite of Baptism

Maddox Charles Reinhardt

Rev. Nancy Gowler

Do you confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and do you accept and proclaim him to be Lord and Savior of the world? **I do.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will.**

Hymn of Baptism

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

75

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Cathy Thomas

Join in our affirmation of faith.

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him to be Lord and Savior of the world.

Will continue in the apostles' teaching and community, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer?

We will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

We will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

We will, with God's help.

Let us pray. Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus the Christ, given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. Renew in us your servants the covenant you made with us at our baptism. Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Thanks be to God.

Flowering of the Cross

Cathy Thomas

During the Bell Anthem and Hymn of Praise you are invited to come forward to place flowers on the cross as a symbol of new life in Christ..

Bell Anthem

Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing

Bell Choir

Hymn of Praise

Good Christians All

1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to-day; death's might-y stone is
 3 We praise in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life, which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a-way: let ev-ery tongue re-joice and say:
 can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord the life laid down, the life re-stored:

Refrain

"Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!"