

INFORMER



First Christian Church

This Week's Scripture and sermon:

Matthew 28: 1-10

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

Sunday Worship
9 am and 11:10 am
10 am Sunday School
online @first4god.com

Holy Week is an important time in a Christian's faith. Every year, we re-enter the journey from the cheering crowds of Palm Sunday to the glorious hope of the empty tomb. It is a week of paradox, inviting us to walk with Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. I invite you to reflect on the symbols of Holy Week.

1. **Palm Branches**—Holy week begins with Jesus riding in on the colt of a donkey that had never been ridden. He comes fulfilling prophecy and without saying a word, claiming to be the long awaited King and Messiah. The crowd that accompanied Jesus waved palm branches and shouted Hosanna!
2. **The Crown of Thorns**—Woven together by Roman soldiers to mock Jesus as the "King of the Jews," the crown of thorns twisted together is a vivid reminder of Christ's suffering. It represents the indignities Jesus endured, turning a symbol of shame into a powerful testament to his humility and his role as the true King.
3. **The Purple Robe**—Draped around Jesus during his trial, the purple robe represents the royal mockery Jesus endured before the Crucifixion. It symbolizes his suffering and the betrayal of earthly power, highlighting his kingship over a kingdom "not of this world".
4. **The Bread & Cup**—On Thursday, we remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples. The bread and cup are profound symbols of the Last Supper, representing Jesus breaking his body and shedding his blood for us.
5. **30 pieces of silver**—Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus by showing the religious leaders and their armed guards where Jesus was, and he identified Jesus with a kiss.
6. **The Cross**—The most significant symbol of Christianity. While used as a tool of torture, it has become the sign of salvation and victory. It is a stark reminder of Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday and his redeeming love for humanity.
7. **The Empty Tomb**—On Easter Sunday, the empty tomb becomes the ultimate symbol of joy. It proclaims that Jesus is risen, defeating death and promising eternal life. It represents the victory of life over death and light over darkness.

As you move through this sacred week, I invite you to meditate on these symbols. May your reflection bring the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord closer to your heart.

Please join us for our Holy Week Services:

- ***Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm***
- ***Easter Sunday: 9am traditional & 11:10 contemporary***

Pastor Chad

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Betty Blackwell, Cole Brown, Dava Brummitt, Kelly Burkholder, Teresa Fowler, George Geotz, Barb Hagebush, Cara Harrington, Charlotte and Bill Herrick, Harper Jones, Michael Lucito, Tammy Martin, Hallie Meyer, Barbara Mittenburg, Barbara Musslin, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Beckham Stuckenschneider, JJ, Nancy VanMeter, Kay Young

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummitt**
 E. W. Thompson: **Allan Fowler**
 Primrose(Independent): **Freida Morrison**
 Primrose(Assisted): **Dorothy Robertson**
 Primrose(Enhanced Assisted Living): **Judy Parkhurst, Susan Daniels, Marion Thomas, LeRoy Wimer, Lorene Downing**
 Sylvia Thompson: **Judy Steele, Margie Sowder, Lynda Alcorn, Merle Fisher, Donna Thompson, Margaret Johnson, Betty Blackwell**

Our friends in the Armed Services: **Ryan Arnold, Tyler Bauer, Taylor Brown, Sam Braverman, Preston Butts, Daltin Butts, Kenneth French, Nicholas Holman, Adam Schock, Adriana Teiberis, Aaron Wagoner: Thank you for your service!**

Weekend Totals

Mar. 29, 2026
9am 180
11:10am 181
Sunday School
Online 646

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Kellen & Lily

Elders

- Christy Goodman
- Mickey Goodman

Deacons

- Stacey Edwards
 - Amy Brust
 - Jim Brust
 - Stephanie Parkhurst
 - Ann Fleming
 - Alyson Willson
 - Caleb Wilson
 - Wes Rowden
 - Judy Rowden
- Wes Rowder**
Judy Rowden
Alyson Wilson
Caleb Wilson

Your FCC Staff



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Emilee Jackson, Rilee Mathew, and Liliya Nine
Nursery

If you wish to check out our Digital Bulletin while worshipping; go to first4God.com

scroll down to Worship Online, click Digital Bulletin. Scripture and list of songs will be posted.

We now have a prayer request option on the website. It will go straight to our prayer team so they can be praying with and for you.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 2

7pm Maundy Thursday

FRIDAY 3

Saturday 4

SUNDAY 5

9am Worship/Happy Easter
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship/Happy Easter
7pm NA

Monday 6

Church office closed for
Holiday
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 7

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Wednesday 8

5:15pm SOLID
5:30 FCC Kids
6pm Adult Bible Study
7pm Choir
7pm NA

April 12, there will be one service at 10am.

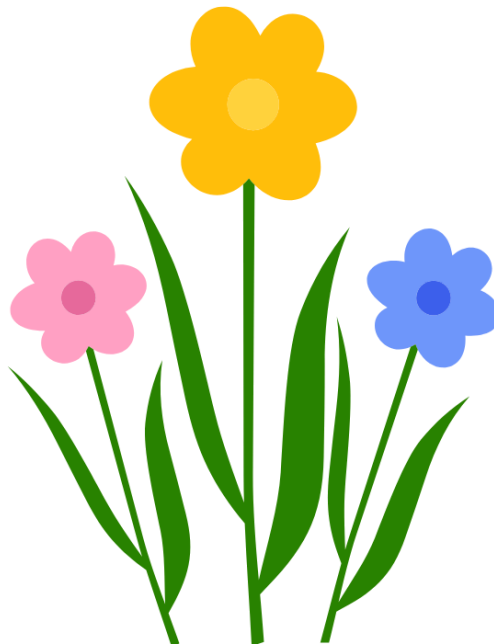
Sunday School will be at 9am.

**Following Worship there will be a
Fellowship Meal.**

**The menu is hamburgers, hotdogs, mac and cheese,
baked beans, veggie trays, and brownies and ice cream.**

Since it is not a potluck there will be a love offering.

Come for great food and fellowship.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm.

SOLID THINGS LOOKING FORWARD

- April 12, SOLID will be doing a skit in the 10am Service.
- SOLID Mission Trip July 11-19 to Colorado currently we have 17 signed up

What a great time we had at YCW. Great concerts, good food, worship, and study that makes our life grateful to our Savior. Thank you to all who helped make our weekend memorable.

Reminders:

Mission Trip: July 11-19

Currently, we have 18 signed up for the Mission Trip, with 2 spots still available. If you are interested, please sign up soon, no phone number, so you can begin making arrangements for your payment. May 1st is the deadline for signing up.

Scripture: Exodus 33:15 We want Your presence LORD!

Love Your Savior

Like us on Facebook at Solid-FCC Youth Sedalia

SOLID Youth Mission:
Reaching the Youth
through CHRIST,
touching the community
with LOVE!





Year of the Mission Trip

Family Oriented Mission Trip - Veteran's Community Project - We will spend a few days constructing a tiny home for a veteran to live in, and spending one day at the St. Louis Zoo.

Location - St. Louis, Missouri

Dates - June 8-11

Pricing - TBD

Final Day to Sign up - May 8, 2026

Trip Lead - JoDee Buso - 660-553-2180

Global Mission Trip - Ray of Hope Medical Missions - We will be stepping in to support this medical center and the surrounding community by doing everything from small construction, playing with children, or helping birth children at the birthing center.

Location - Uganda, Africa

Dates - August 25 - September 8

Pricing - \$2500/person

Requirements - Yellow Fever vaccine and passport

Team Lead - Loletta Combs - 660-287-6002

Youth Mission Trip: Our Youth will be heading to Colorado this year to serve that community as well as to deepen their connection to the Lord and one another. For information on this trip check with Wayne Smither.

You may sign up or ask questions for any of these mission trip by calling the church office or the leaders of these trips.

Group 5 Meeting
Saturday April 11,
10am
Read Center



Wednesday's Beginning April 15, Sharee Norfleet will be leading and adult study "Why Do We Need The Bible?" It will begin each Wednesday at 6pm. It will go thru May 20.

**Children's Ministry
Right Now Media
Pick of the Month
Paws & Tales: Season 1
CHUCK SWINDOLL**

Animated adventures little children love with God-centered lessons parents applaud!

Welcome to Wildwood! Here the folks live just like you and me. They love fun and adventure, enjoy their work and family, and try to learn each day wha it means to be like Christ. With Paws & Tales, kids can enjoy meaningful adventure stories and fun animation while they learn biblically based concepts like being thankful, overcoming fear, putting others first, and obeying God's rules.



**Adult Spiritual Growth
Adult RNM pick of the month
30-day Journey by John C. Maxwell**

Each daily session is only about 4 minutes, making it easy to fit into your rhythm while still offering meaningful growth.

This month's focus is on becoming a person of intentionality—someone who doesn't drift through life but chooses purpose, direction, and impact. These daily reflections help you assess where you are, where you want to go, and how to live with greater purpose.

Intentionality is one of the most transformative habits a leader or believer can cultivate. This journey offers simple, actionable insights that can shape your mindset and strengthen your influence—at home, at church, and in your community.





Dates to Remember

- FCC kids will be each Wednesday at 5:30pm
- **April 29** - Last day



Palm Sunday Recap

Palm Sunday was a joyful (and beautifully chaotic!) celebration with 40 (give or take a few!) children waving palm branches and singing for the congregation. What a blessing to see so many young hearts praising Jesus!

During children's worship, the kids enjoyed crafts, a movie, and some time to play outside, along with breakfast during Bible study. Then we turned around and did it all again for second service—full hearts and full rooms!

We are incredibly grateful for these little ones and the energy and joy they bring to our church family.

Mendy Goss/Children's Coordinator



March Scripture:

1 Peter 5:7

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”



Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday,
April 2,
7 pm



Easter Sunday

Join us on
Easter Sunday
as we celebrate
the risen
Christ. Services
are at 9 and
11:10 am.



What's Happening



**“Growing Our Faith”
Ladies Event.**
Thursday April 23, 2026
6pm
Heritage Ranch
23735 Anderson School Rd.
The evening will begin at 6pm with a light meal, button bouquet making, praise and worship, and a guest speaker.
The cost of the event is \$10
Come to relax and enjoy a spirit filled evening.
Call the office or sign up on the Church Center App.
Please sign up by April 12.
Please bring something to put in a summer hygiene kit!



UP COMING EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!

SCOTT JOPLIN/SEDALIA TROLLEY TOUR

May 28th, 12:00 noon

Hop on a trolley for a magical tour for a look around the Cradle of Ragtime. Visit notable ragtime points of interest, historic homes and sites while enjoying some ragtime music right on our trolley. Locally known historian, Becky Imhauser will be our guide. Tour also includes a snack and a stop at Liberty Park for a short concert. Tour last 1 ½ hour.

Cost is \$30 each, payable to First Christian Church. The deadline to sign up is May 7th with ONLY 26 seats available on the trolley. So don't wait! Sign up sheet will be in the vestibule outside the sanctuary, or you may call the church office. Please pay prior to the event!

NEW DINNER THEATRE

June 27

CACTUS FLOWER STARRING MARILU HENNER

A successful, handsome dentist has the perfect set up! He's afraid of settling down and built a web of hilarious lies to his girlfriends, telling them that he's already married.

When the ruse threatens to catch up with him, he asks his prickly nurse to pose as his "wife" she blossoms, and he finds himself falling in love with the lovely "cactur flower" right under his very nose.

Seating is at 11:45, Dinner 12:15, showtime 1:15. There are 15 seats purchased so make payment to First Christian Church. The cost is \$43.50 each. This price includes dinner, coffee, tea or water. Dessert is an extra charge payable with dinner. The sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule outside the sanctuary, or you may call the church. Please pay prior to the event!





Easter Lilies

In Honor or Memory of

From

Husband, Mom, and step dad

Rowena Pettet

Karen Steele

Judy Steele

Jack Blackwell

Betty Blackwell

JoAnn Nehr

Betty Blackwell

Roy and Louise Alexander

*Rosalee Jordan &
Ruthann Alexander*

Ray and Mary Ruth Combs

Mickey and Christy Goodman

*Those we have lost
SOLID Youth Group*

*Nanci and Brett Opfer
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*Jim and Judy Holman
David & Vera Menefee
Ron McCoy*

David and Rhoda Moore

Donna Freese

Lisa Braverman