



# First Christian Church

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## Jesus Appears To The Disciples

April 12, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn - #240 - Fairest Lord Jesus

\**Passing of the Peace*

### Call To Worship: (from Psalm 16)

Leader: Keep me safe. O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I said to the Lord, “You are my God!” Apart from you I have nothing good.

Leader: Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

People: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

ALL: I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices. You have made known to me the path of life.

### Opening Prayer:

*God of mercy and compassion, we come to you this morning with humble hearts. We are grateful that you guide us by your Holy Spirit. Continue to lead us and to walk with us in this very place. Thank you for loving us enough to send Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord and Savior, to save us from sin and lead us into everlasting life. We offer our prayers to you, even those we hold in our hearts. Bless us as only you can. We give you all the praise and glory in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Prayer Hymn - #234 – He Is Lord (sing twice)

Prayers of the People

**THE LORD'S 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, the power and the glory forever.  
AMEN*

| Please continue to remember in prayer... |                     |                        |                  |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| - Our Church Family                      | - Cole Dunlap       | - Barbara McVicker     | - Kate DeWees    |
| - George Cover                           | - Nancy Dunlap Sr.  | - Jim Lefler           | - Kayln Hall     |
| - Bethel Ford                            | - Meg Smith         | - Marsha Gastineau     | - Luke Smith     |
| - Larrinda Wolf                          | - Pat Machmeier     | - Jan Merritt          | - Mia Berarducci |
| - Patti Coons                            | - Vianne Lewis      | - Audrey Parmele       | - Rick Williams  |
| - Phil Lewis                             | - Tonya Todd-Barker | - Betty Malone-Lintner | - Sandra Schauer |
| - Shirley Maxwell                        | - Dan Wood          | - Paul Parmele         | - Bob Hilton     |
| - Dawson Ploss                           |                     |                        |                  |

**Scripture Text: John 20: 19 – 31 (NRSV)**

**Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

**19** When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

**Jesus and Thomas**

**24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” **26** A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **27** Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” **28** Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” **29** Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

**The Purpose of This Book**

**30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Scripture Readings - John 20: 19 – 31 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*Jesus Appears To The Disciples*” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

\*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #432 - Softly and Tenderly

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

*OFFERTORY & COMMUNION*  
*The bread and the cup are distributed together.*  
*Please hold until you are invited to partake together.*

\*Hymn of Invitation - #468 - Be Thou My Vision

\*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended. Go out into the world and let your  
light shine on everyone you meet.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Todays Meeting:**

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

**Weekly Meetings:**

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

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| Beginning Balance As Of 4-6-26 | 7668.96  |
| Expenses/Payroll x3            | 2729.33  |
| Weekly Offering                | 3615.00  |
| Difference                     | + 885.67 |
| Ending Balance                 | 8554.63  |

**Announcements**

**Week of April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Attendance: 49; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live:  
11; Approx. Views: 17 - 66

**Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday**: will meet Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00  
p.m. The meal will be provided by Helen Putman. Thank you Helen!

**Bedford Christian Camp**: If you are interested, there are pamphlets and info  
located n the narthex.

### **April Birthdays**

1 - Helen Putman  
5 - Phil Lewis  
6 - Claude Grow  
7 - Kathy Williams  
10 - Patrick Williams, Jenny Craig  
12 - Chase Eldridge  
13 - Randy Grow, Ellis Gastineau  
14 - Crystal Cover, Chad Maxwell  
15 - Nathan Bailey  
16 - Lisa Jackson  
19 - Bethel Ford  
21- Marcia Smith-Wood  
24 - Verna McNeal  
29 - Eileen Phegley, Kate DeWees

### **May Birthdays**

2 - Beverly Dunlap  
4 - Shirley Maxwell  
5 - Phyllis Smith, Wendy Shirer  
8 - Rose Nesius, Craig Hooker,  
Corey Dowds  
9 - Justin Clemans  
11 - Bona Hensler, Eric Yeoman  
14 - Susie Smith  
15 - Dorrie Lefler  
22 - Lindsey Baker  
23 - Stephen Henley  
26 - Tonya Barker  
28 - Eric Jackson  
30 - Clay Whaley  
31 - Travis Witherington

### **April Anniversaries**

14 - Claude & Kim Grow - 1984  
16 - Richard & Cathy Eldridge - 1983

### **May Anniversaries**

3 - Gary & Julie Evers - 1980  
16 - Craig & Lisa Jackson - 1992  
18 - Ellis & Marsha Gastineau - 1968

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