



February 23, 2025 9:30 a.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, February 23, 2025

## Joys and Concerns

Rev. Sharla Hulsey

*In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Justin Quick, Elder

*If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### Prelude

Mary Coffman

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

### \*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Justin Quick & Congregation

L: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

**P: Declare God's glory among the nations,  
the Creator's marvelous works among all the peoples.  
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.**

### \*Opening Hymn

CH #86 (all)

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

### \*Invocation

Justin Quick & Congregation

**Holy Spirit, come into this gathering as you did into the upper room on Pentecost: like the rush of a mighty wind, sweeping away our apathy and indifference, and making us assembled here into your holy temple. Call and empower us to proclaim the good news of God's love made flesh in Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

### Prayer Hymn

CH #265 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

### Silent Meditation

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

## Responsive Reading

Justin Quick & Congregation

Psalm 37:1-4, 39-40 (NRSV)

L: Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**P: for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.**

L: Trust in the LORD, and do good,  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**P: Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

L: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**P: The LORD helps them and rescues them;  
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.**

## Special Music

TBD

## Scripture

Jennifer Schmehl

*Luke 7:36-50*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

*"Getting Away with Murder?"*

## Invitation to Discipleship

Justin Quick

## \*Invitation Hymn

CH #345 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*"Thy Life Was Giv'n for Me"*

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

## Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

**\* Please rise as able**

Tithes & Offerings

*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

Diaconate

\*Doxology

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

CH #47

\*Prayer of Dedication

Justin Quick

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

*“Fill the World with Love”*

CH #467 (all)

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

Justin Quick

Distribution of the Elements

*Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.*

Diaconate

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

Sharla Hulsey

\*Closing Hymn

*“This Is the Day”*

CH #1 (v. 1)

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Elder:** Justin Quick

**Deacons:** Judy Colburn,  
Steve Hedrick

**Greeter:** Candi Agnew

**Scripture Reader:** Jennifer Schmehl

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - This month, we’re focusing on collecting Soup and Crackers to support the Community Food Pantry. Please bring your donations to the church throughout the month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated—thank you for making a difference!
- **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**  
Campaign Goal: \$20,000 Amount Raised: \$7,286
- **SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS**  
March 2 - Everett & Phyllis McBrayer
- **DISCIPLES WOMEN** - Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** - Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS** – Sunday, March 9
- **LENTEN SERVICES** – Services begin on March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene. Meal served after service.

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**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Feb. 23:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, Feb. 26:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Feb. 28:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Mar. 2:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Mar. 4:	6:30 p.m.	<b>Disciples Women</b>
Wednesday, Mar. 5:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Mar. 7:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies



## JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

A time for reflection and renewal

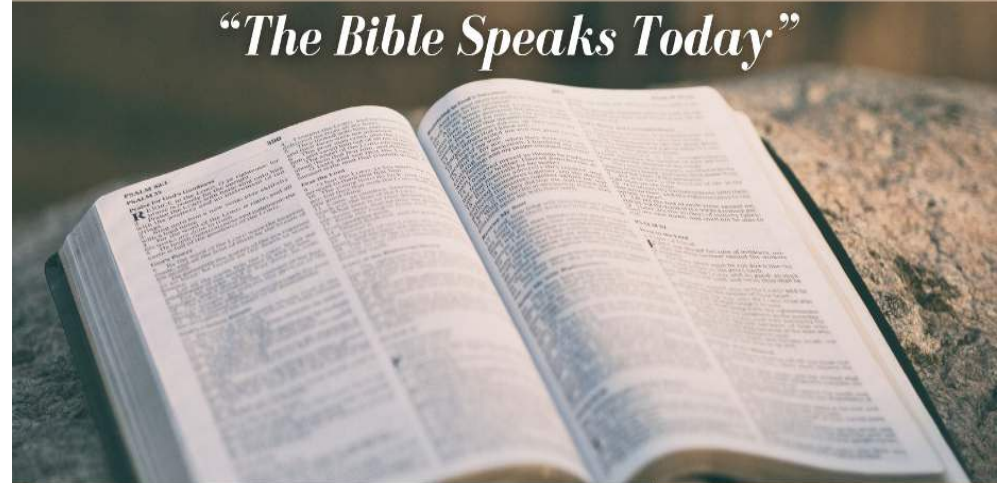
March 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

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# LENTEN SERVICES

*"The Bible Speaks Today"*



### MARCH 12

*Location:* Church of the Nazarene  
*Preacher:* Mary Love

### MARCH 19

*Location:* Church of the Nazarene  
*Preacher:* Sharla Hulsey

### MARCH 26

*Location:* First Christian Church  
*Preacher:* Julie Nelson

### APRIL 2

*Location:* Ohio St. United Methodist Church  
*Preacher:* Jeremy Henderson

### APRIL 9

*Location:* First Christian Church  
*Preacher:* Marla Kash

Services at 6 p.m.

A meal will be served after each service.

An offering will be received each night to benefit the Butler Ministerial Alliance's emergency assistance fund.