



March 23, 2025

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, March 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

Chuck Lewis, 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)

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

(from ANTIOCH, Samuel Medley, 1775)

L: Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground!

P: Glory, hallelujah!

L: The dead's alive, and the lost is found!

P: Glory, hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn

CH #480 (all)

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*Invocation

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

O God, who loved us enough to send your Son to live among us, help us to celebrate today that your great love continues to reach out toward us, whether we are steadfastly faithful or have gone astray. Help us to rejoice with you when the lost are found, and to welcome one another into your loving and gracious presence here and wherever we may go this week. In the name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Lenten Reading

Chuck Lewis

"Judas - with a Bag of Coins"

from *"Thy Kingdom Come"* by Tracy Wells

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

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

Psalm 119:174-176 (JPS Translation)

L: I have longed for Your deliverance, O LORD;

P: **Your teaching is my delight.**

L: Let me live, that I may praise You;

may Your rules be my help;

P: **I have strayed like a lost sheep;**

search for Your servant,

for I have not neglected Your commandments.

Special Music

Adult Choir

"Lift Up a Song to the Lord"

Scripture

Chuck Lewis

Luke 15:1-32

Message

Sharla Hulsey

"Land of the Lost"

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

CH #546 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

"Amazing Grace"

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

* Please rise as able

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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

Chuck Lewis

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

CH #207 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

Chuck Lewis

Distribution of the Elements

Diaconate

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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Sharla Hulsey

*Closing Hymn

"Go in Peace"

CH #445 (v. 1)

** Please rise as able*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Greeter: Gary Coffman

Elder: Chuck Lewis

Scripture Reader: Chuck Lewis

Deacons: Everett McBrayer,

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Kathy Wood

Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- OUTREACH MISSION - We will be using a *Cash Calendar* to raise the funds needed to send our kids to church camp this year. Look for the calendar in the church foyer or reach out to the church office for more details and to get involved.
- KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN
Campaign Goal: \$20,000; Amount Raised: \$7,486
- NEWSLETTERS - Regular attendees who do not normally receive our newsletter through email can pick up a copy in the alphabetized mail holder in the foyer.
- CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesday, March 25 @ 7 p.m.
- LENTEN SERVICE - Wednesday, March 26 @ 6 pm at FCC
- VBS MEETING - Monday, March 31 @ 6 p.m.
- DISCIPLES WOMEN - Tuesday, April 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
- FAITH ADVENTURES CAMP RALLY - Sunday, April 27 from 3pm to 6pm at Camp Galilee, El Dorado Springs. Deadline to sign up is April 13.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 23:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Mar. 25:	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesday, Mar. 26:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Lenten Service @ FCC
Friday, Mar. 28:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 30:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Monday, Mar. 31:	6 p.m.	VBS Meeting
Tuesday, Apr. 1:	6:30 p.m.	Disciples Women
Wednesday, Apr. 2:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Lenten Service @ OSUMC
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Apr. 4:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies