

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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2020 Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday

Due to the current health restrictions and guidelines, we have been forced to alter our plans for Holy Week this year. Although we will not be able to worship together in the same building, we are hopeful that this year's plan will allow for meaningful times to remember and celebrate what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ.

The Plan: On Thursday and Friday from 6 PM to 7 PM, we will be having a two-day prayer walk/drive that will culminate in an online devotional of communion and testimony. For those who cannot get out to walk or drive, please pray for the listed topics at home and consider taping one of the First Christian Church logo stickers on your front window. If you are doing a prayer drive and pass a house with our logo sticker displayed in the front window, pray for that household.

Thursday's devotional will be a time of communion. Friday's will be a time of prayer and testimony. Here is a list of places to pass by and topics to pray.

- **Courthouse** (Praying for our Nation, Government, and Civil Servants) Rom 13:1-7, 1 Tim 2:1-3
Pray for wisdom in the midst of the pandemic, our nation's direction, the president, the supreme court, congress, the 2020 election, local and state government. Pray for the media in our country, law enforcement, and pray that we as a community and a nation do not reject God. Also, pray for our economy and the economic impact that the pandemic is having on the world. Pray for those in need, those who have lost jobs, those facing financial hardship due to the pandemic.
- **Schools** (Praying for our schools, educators, and students) Eph 1:17. Proverbs 1:7
Pray for teachers, school staff, and administrators; wisdom for how to educate in the midst of the social distancing restrictions; relationships between schools and community; Godly parenting (especially in the midst of the pandemic), FCA, students' ability to stand for Christ in the midst of ungodliness, sexuality/purity; our church youth leaders and volunteers; college students dealing with online learning, Christian Bible colleges, bias against Christian values in our educational system; and 2020 seniors having lost so many events in their last semester of high school.
- **East School/ All Wars Museum** (Praying for our Military) Ps 29:11
Pray for their safety and spiritual strength while serving, peace in the world, and protection while serving during the pandemic; families of those serving and the physical/emotional healing of those wounded while serving.
- **Hospital/Nursing homes** (Praying for God to heal from the pandemic)
Pray for ALL medical staff, support staff, EMTs, and scientists as they give care to the sick and search for a cure. Pray for miraculous healing from God. Pray for the safety of those who are vulnerable to infection.

Consider driving by the homes of some of our shut-ins and elderly.

Please remember our current social distancing guidelines while participating.

- Following your prayer time, go to the church Youtube or Facebook page and watch the video that will be posted at 7 PM Thursday and Friday as we conclude our time together in communion and prayer.
- Please take some pictures of your time to share with the rest of the church family.

Our Easter Sunday plans will be a bit different this year as well. There will be **NO** Sunrise service/fellowship breakfast this year.

- Easter Sunday at 8:00 AM will be an abbreviated Youth Sunday lead by a few of our youth from the Worship Team. One of our high school seniors will be sharing the message! Please show your support for them by streaming the service.
- We will also live stream a Resurrection Celebration service at 10:30. Pastor Michael will be sharing a message at the 10:30 streaming service.

We greatly appreciate your continued support, online attendance, prayers, and financial faithfulness through these strange times. We will get through this together.

We will only offer online streaming of services on Sundays at 8:00AM and 10:30AM until further notice. Pastor Michael will do a live stream event on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30AM. This will be a time for devotion, prayer, update church business and answer questions.

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Office Hours: M 8:00am–4:00pm; T-TH 8-12
Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>3/23-29</u>
Operational	\$8,273.09
Property Improvement	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00
DHF	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00
Church Construction/Renovate	650.00
Children First	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$9,044.09

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
Received Last 7 Days \$8,473.09
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Ways to Give

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
- Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources, Online Giving
- At the Office: 201 N. Mississippi Street

Bulletin announcements are still posted to our website each week. Go to Resources, Bulletin Announcements.

The final copy of the Directory is on hold until the virus subsides and Lifetouch can finish the project.

Lectionary

4/5: Ps 118:1-29; Matt 21:1-11
4/6: Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11; Heb 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
4/7: Isa 49:1-7; Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
4/8: Isa 50:4-9; Ps 70; Heb 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
4/9: Exodus 12:1-14; Ps 116:1-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17
4/10: Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
4/11: Job 14:1-14; Ps 31:1-16; 1 Pet 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66

Ways To Watch/Listen To Worship Services

Website fccpittsfield.org

Ministries, Live Stream
This will link you to our YouTube page where you can subscribe and watch services and special events.
Resources, Sermons
Watch archived recordings of prior sermons and messages.

YouTube

Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield and subscribe and watch services and special events.

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., WBBA 97.5, Sermon from prior week.

We can email you the audio file of sermons if the above does not work. We can also create a CD of the sermons.

To help with streaming, consider using a Bluetooth headphone or speaker.

Prayer Concerns:	Tereasa Apps	Chip Barber
Dora Lee Claus	Tonya Douglas	Joyce Harrison
Stacey Helms	Linda Irwin	Wanda Mendenhall
Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)		
Greg Howard (Larry Howard's nephew)		
Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)		
Ashley Ratliff (Jean Sanderson's granddaughter)		
Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father)		
Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)		
Renee Sevier (Karl Benjamin's niece)		

We express our sympathy to Russ Baker, Jr and family with the passing of his father, Russ Baker, Sr.

We have changed office hours to M 8:00-4:00, T-Th 8-12.
Contact the following Elders or Staff should you have a need:
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Marjorie Gamble will turn 95 years young on April 26. Let's shower her with birthday cards and well wishes!
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