



The Long View

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship Service in Sanctuary

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9:00am – 4:30pm
Friday
9:00am – Noon

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 13

CHURCH STAFF

DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON
Senior Minister

REV. EVAN DOLIVE
Associate Minister

REV. MIRANDA DOLIVE
Minister of Music

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Dear First Christian Church Members,

I hope this finds you well and strong in the faith.

Places of worship in Texas have been deemed “essential” by Gov. Greg Abbott. This means, technically, that churches can open for business and worship. While we have the right to gather together, I hope you will understand that we will continue with our current format by NOT gathering in person for worship during the month of May. Thank you for being so gracious as we minimize the risk for illness and continue to worship online from our homes.

When the time comes to gather together (and, like you, I can't wait for this to happen) there will be many steps to consider. There is the chance that how we do church logistically will be a little different. The goal is to safely return to “normal” activities once the Covid-19 numbers begin a constant decline and the state/local steps taken prove successful. Re-opening the church may be a slow process.

First Christian Church is fortunate to have been approved by our bank for the government PPP financial support. We have received the loan which is funding two months to pay salaries for the church and PREP school teachers. In the meantime, there are still the usual expenditures for the church: utilities, insurance, vendors, local outreach, etc. If you are able, please remember the church with your tithes and offerings. You may contribute by mailing to 720 N 6 St, or by giving online at fcclongview.org.

God's blessings to you.

Reverend Richard Emerson

The mission of this congregation is the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through all areas of its' life and work, witnessing in all situations to the grace of God in Jesus Christ, thereby seeking in all people a response in faith and commitment to him.

Matthew 28:18-20

Worship
with us
from
HOME

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

MAY

Stay informed by going to
www.fcclongview.org

★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER

MAY 7, 2020

PRAY GOD'S GLORY

Across the Earth

"For the Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk 2:14 NIV

Please join us as we celebrate with hymns, prayers, and scriptures shared in a virtual service on our Facebook page. What a wonderful way to pray for our nation and the world in this time of crisis.

If you have a prayer requests, please contact the church office or go to:



fcclongview.org/prayerrequest
or click on the link in our church app.

We will continue to pray for those who are in need.



**FELLOWSHIP
DINNERS ARE
CANCELED TILL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

Give Online

Please remember that you can mail your tithes to the church office or give online at www.fcclongview.org/give.

WELL DONE,
—GOOD—
AND
faithful
SERVANT.

We are going to begin taking nominations for a monthly "Faithful Servant" in our congregation. We have so many people in our congregation who serve not only in our church but in the community as well. We would like to recognize as many as we can.

For the month of May, we have selected Betty Hudson! She has provided the church staff and many members of our congregation this month with much needed face masks and is still sewing! This is only one of many things that Betty does for our church.



We will not have any more regularly scheduled Zoom calls this month.

Stay tuned for additional dates and activities in the future.

Please stay safe and keep the faith!

MUSIC PROGRAMS VIA ZOOM ONLINE!

Handbell Fellowship -
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Chancel Choir -
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Contact Rev. Miranda for more information,
meeting numbers and passwords.



PREP School Graduation Plans:

*Virtual ceremonies will be held via
Zoom for Room H on Friday, May 22 @
10:00 am and Kindergarten on Friday
May 22 @ 11AM*

*Graduation Drive Through Parade
Friday, May 22nd @ 1PM.*

*The parade will have both Kindergarten
and Room H families driving through.
The teachers will be spread throughout
the parking lot waving and cheering on
the graduates as they drive by.*



For the first time in 40+ years, our Day Camp, as you have known it in the past, is being canceled. Rev. Ev and Lauren Warren are in the process of putting “something” together in a virtual format that same week.

If you have already paid for Day Camp, you will receive a refund. For more information, go to:

fcclongview.org/daycamp

Keep in contact through our First Christian Church – DOC, Longview, TX Facebook page or our website
www.fcclongview.org.



The Board of Disciples Crossing has decided to cancel all camps for Summer 2020.

Go to:

fcclongview.org/summercamp2020
to watch a video explaining the decision.

You can also go to:

<https://www.disciplescrossing.org/emergency-risk-management>
for more information.

Adult Sunday School

Apart for a Time,



Together in Spirit

ABC Class – *Honoring God, NIV Standard Lesson Commentary*

Meets 4th floor, West End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – *Epic of Eden: Jonah* by Sandra Richter

Meets 4th floor, East End, Last Room

Cornerstone Class – *The Present Word – Living in Covenant* by Donald K. McKim

Meets in Cornerstone Hall

Teacher: Rick Shepherd

GNG Class — *Lectionary*

Meets in Conference Room

Teacher: Rotating

Seekers Class – *Epic of Eden: Isaiah* by Sandra Richter

Meets 4th floor, East End - Last Room on Right

Teacher: Bill Holloman

Sojourners – *Parables* by John White

Meets in 4th Floor Library

Teacher: Jodi Bachtell

New Class – *The Book of Luke* by J. Ellsworth Kalas

Meets 4th Floor "old" Vision's Classroom

Teacher: Charles Bachtell

Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Aaron Turner, Don Wilson, Donna Park, Rick Johnston, Chris Shelton, The Williams Family, David Farmer, Jolene Auderer, David Dolive, Brigitte & Logan Damewood, Sharon Lundgren, Pat & Bob Terrell, Colton Rieger, Fran Grimes, Don Auderer, Jodie Johnson, Kenneth Glaze, J. C. Fort, Randy Cook & family, Betty Scott, Kathy, David Grimes, Hayes, Marilyn Egner, George Terrell, Isabel Terrell Family, Sue Davis, Lacey Cline, June Green, Debi Plaxco, Bill Moorman, Howard Buchanan, Barbara Dickinson, Ramona Dickinson, Nita Lindsay, Martha Cochran, Mary Flatt, Billie Ogden, Margaret & Carlos Griffin

Friends: The Brown Family, Diana & Mark Miller, Kyle & Vicki Couser, Neil Grant, Bart Reynolds, Darrell & Joy McKnight, The Gossage family, Theresa Neslony & family, Family of Mary Ruth Gerhart, Jack Trapanier, Nell Durden, Tom Allen, Lori Hughes, Marvin Thomas, Phyllis Smith, Eva Davis, Barbara Glanton, Sarah Cotter, Tommy Letard, Kristi White, Addy, Erin & Jay Froehner, Family of Cristen Wall, Erin Johnston, Jamie, Kenneth Reece, Children with cancer, Caregivers, Dementia Patients

As well as: Our homebound and shut-in members; our nation, government, military, police and fire department personnel; and those who do not yet know Jesus' love and saving grace.

The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, May 21. If you have an article you wish to include in "The Long View", please e-mail it to bkirkindoll@fcclongview.org or bring it to the church office no later than noon Thursday, May 14.

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR:

Sunday, May 10

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;

1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Rev. Evan Dolive

Sunday, May 17

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Dr. Richard Emerson



Attendance

WORSHIP SERVICES

May 10.....Online Service

May 17.....Online Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 10.....No Classes

May 17.....No Classes

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can see scriptures, pictures and upcoming events.



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