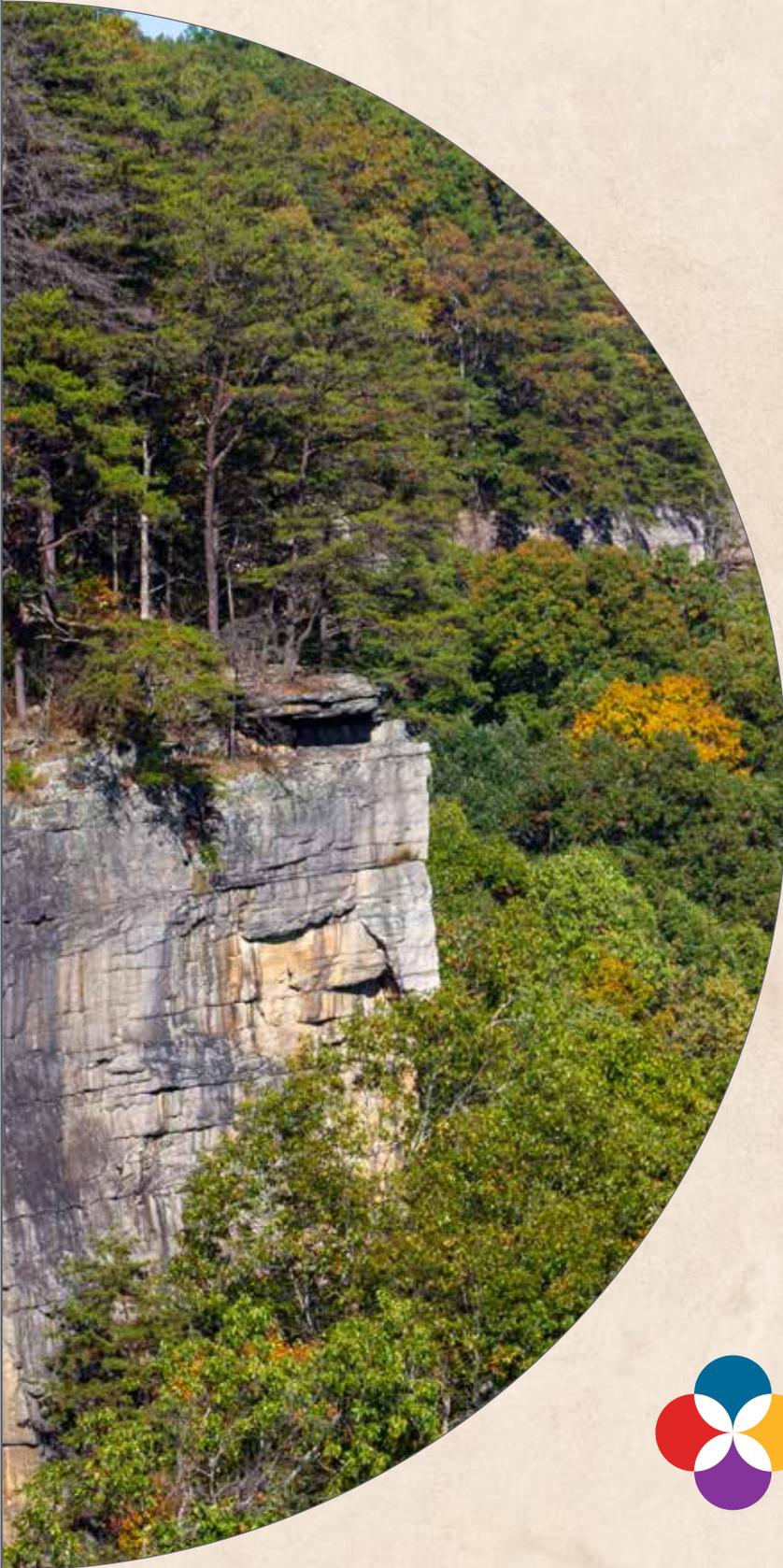
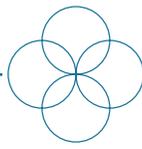


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



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February 22, 2026

Welcome

Prelude

"Move Into the Stillness"

Ruth Elaine Schram

Chancel Choir, saxophone–Danny Manning, Gracie Niehaus–violin

Call to Worship

Jane Petracco, Liturgist

One: In the wilderness

All: We cry out to our God.

One: In the wilderness

All: Our souls wait.

One: In the wilderness

All: We hope in God's word.

One: In the wilderness

All: We know God's steadfast love.

One: In the wilderness

All: We worship God together

Red Hymnal #151

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Praying Together (*unison*)

Creator of all, hear our prayer. We ask that this season of Lent challenge us and invite us to change. May this Lenten season make us less complacent, more open and willing to serve in ways we had not expected. Strip away anything in us that keeps us from fully surrendering to You. Fill us with Your Spirit and renew our minds so that we may grow in faith, love, and obedience. Open our heart to Your Word, and let our prayer life deepen in intimacy with You. Help us to quiet the noise of the world so we can hear Your voice more clearly. May this sacred season of Lent help to fashion us in the image of your son – the one whom we follow! Creator of all, we are yours and YOU are the source of life for us! Amen.

Children's Moment

Assurance of God's Presence

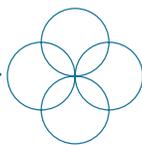
Offertory

"Prelude #3"

H. Villa-Lobos

Max Gise–guitar

Prayer of Dedication



Scriptures

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Jesus' Temptation

Rev. Diane Vego

Black Hymnal #205

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song

"Just As I Am"

*Charlotte Elliot, David Moffitt, Sue Smith,
Travis Cottrell, William Bradbury; arr. Dan Galbraith*

Verse 1:

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee.
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Verse 2:

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Refrain:

I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued,
I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms,
Praise God, just as I am.

Verse 3:

Just as I am I would be lost,
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now, to glory in Your cross,
Oh Lamb of God I come, I come.

[To Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude

"Is There Anybody Here That Loves My Jesus?"

Talia Zoll-vocals, Jacob Priddy-piano

*Trad. Spiritual
arr. Undine Smith Moore*

Offerings

If you would like to make an offering, you may put it in the plate during the service or give online using this QR code:



CHURCH STAFF

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- **Welcome to Christ Church**

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website: christchurchft.org.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to:

<https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



- **Discipleship Opportunities**

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

- **Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room**

Adult Discipleship

- **Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)**

Small group discussion.

(Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

- **Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room**

Book study group

- **Thank You!**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to repairing our beautiful church, either with labor or a monetary contribution. Both are still needed and appreciated!

- **Diapers! Diapers! Diapers!**

Josh and Erin Vogel are having a baby in March! Excited grandparents are Ramel and Greg Vogel. Please support this mission by filling the diaper bin in the Narthex with diapers and wipes.

- **Birthdays (No Anniversaries)**

Laura Petracco

Daniel Tenhunfeld

Ruth Rowe

Austin Huelsman

Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby

Ellen Turner

Jane Petracco

- **Donations**

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- **Brighton Center Donations**

We will be collecting **Peanut Butter** for March. Thanks to everyone for helping with this!

- **Lunch and Learn**

This Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter will be **Michelle Snodgrass Demling**. A graduate of Western Kentucky University and Salmon P. Chase Law School, Michelle became the first Female Commonwealth Attorney for Campbell County. During her 26 year career as a prosecuting attorney, Michelle prosecuted thousands of felony cases including murders, sexual assaults, child abuse, robberies and burglaries. Several of her cases garnered national attention. Join us and learn about her illustrious career and how the justice system works in the State of Kentucky.

Reservations Required for Lunch

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**

- **Prayer Changes Us**

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

David Hosea, Makayla, Kelly Greenwalt, Karma Klingenberg, Katie Leftin, Barb Stinnett, Suzanne Jones, Greg Vogel, Jim Rechten Jr., Maggie, Sallie Schmidt, Jeff McCall, Marcia Storm, Chris P., Mike Bizzarro, Mark Helminiak, Tim Kennedy, Jim & Barb Korpik, the family of Marcia Hosea, the family of Joyce Fehler, Laura, Jeff

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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