Welcome to First Christian Church (FCC) of Alexandria. We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today. Below is the order of worship. Please see additional information following the order.

Order of Worship First Christian Church of Alexandria February 25, 2024

Prelude

Opening Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship (CP 2)

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: : In the Cross of Christ I Glory (CH 207)

Welcome and Announcements
Passing the Peace and greetings

Community Song: We Are One in the Bond of Love (on screen) Prayers of the people -followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Prayer Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart (CP 91)

Special Music: Keona Lesko

Scripture Reading and Sermon: Mark 8:31–38 (NRSV)

"Cross Carrying" - Rev. Tim Bobbitt

Communion Song: Take My Life (CP 114)

Communion Prayer
Words of Institution
Sharing the elements
Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Invitation: The Summons (on screen)

Benediction

Closing Song: Change my Heart, O God (CH 86)

Postlude

Participants in order of appearance: Pianist – Bevin Creel, Song Leader – Barb Swan, Worship Leader – James Lesko, Pastor - Rev. Tim Bobbitt, Elder – Yakelin Santos, Deacon – Deanne Carter.

*We use both the large red Chalice Hymnal (CH) and the smaller purple Chalice Praise song book (CP). The hymn lyrics are also shown on the screen at the front of the sanctuary and online.

We believe that the communion meal is a celebration of the whole people of God and that Christ welcomes all to the table. Both the leader and congregation participate in reading the words that Jesus shared in the Gospel of Matthew at the last supper he shared with his disciples.

If you are in the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward by row to eat of the bread and drink from the cup (both of which you will find in individual communion cups). There are trash cans on the outside aisles.

If you wish to support the ministry of FCC financially, you can place cash or checks in the offering plates found at the front aisles or you can give online at fccalexandria.com. We will put a QR code on the screen which will take you to the donation part of the website. If you are joining online, we welcome you to join in the communion meal with bread and cup, or the elements you have on hand.

Thanks for joining us. If you are worshipping in person, we welcome you to stay for coffee and fellowship. If you are worshipping via Zoom, we invite to stay on for conversation. If you are worshipping by Facebook, feel free to like, share a comment or prayer request. You can also find us on Instagram.