

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Wednesday: 8:45 am - 2:00 pm

**Custodian's Hours:** Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am - 11:00 am

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| <b>Sunday Minister:</b>                                                                                                                                             | Rev. Eric Brotheridge                     |
| <b>Organist:</b>                                                                                                                                                    | Mary Ruth Yates                           |
| <b>Administrative Assistant:</b>                                                                                                                                    | Mitzi Flynn                               |
| <b>Custodian:</b>                                                                                                                                                   | Steve Harrell                             |
| <b>Camp Manager:</b>                                                                                                                                                | Chuck Bair                                |
| <b>Church Web Page:</b>                                                                                                                                             | firstccbedford.org                        |
| <b>Camp Bedford Web Page:</b>                                                                                                                                       | campbedford.com                           |
| <b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b>                                                                                                                                          | Immediately following worship at 11:30 am |
| <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82020684237?pwd=OTBSd2xKV0xUJzVlVWVoVXhZYWZOdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82020684237?pwd=OTBSd2xKV0xUJzVlVWVoVXhZYWZOdz09</a> |                                           |

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### **Prayer List**

Paula Austin, Charles Bouldin, Susan Branaman, Bob and June Briscoe, Hannah Brooking, Brandy Busz, Tina Corum, Aaron Evans, Bob Galyon, Ariene Gilbert, Danny Gillock, April Glenn, Todd Glenn, Kim Hostetter, Rita Jenkins, Maddie Lynch, Don Mains, Felix Miller, Steve Mills, Sheila Miskuf, Sarah Mullis, Shelly Perrson, Gregg Romine, Natalie Sides, LaVerne Speer, Steven Taylor, Greg VanCleave, Carol Wieneke, Kristy Williams, Doris Wykoff

**Those away from home serving the church, in military, civil service, education and work.**

**Those unable to be with us in Worship:** Barbara Hall, Jacob Householder, Ellie Grissom, Shirley McMunn, Marilyn Olson, Laverne Speer, Carolyn Tumey, Jimmy Waggoner.

***Please advise Elder Gary Ochs, or the church office of any prayer concerns or updates.***



# First Christian Church

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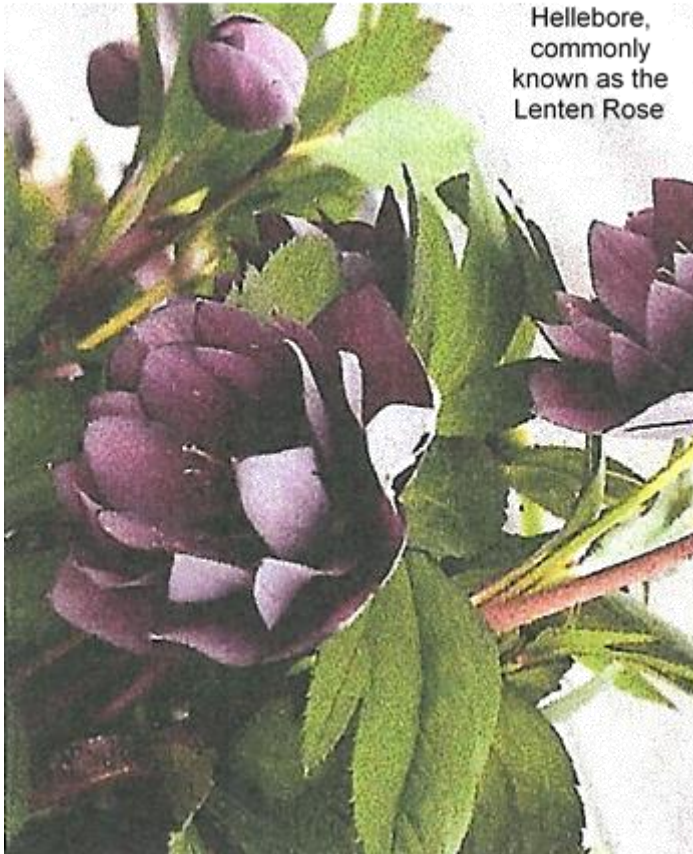
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Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance

## Lent



Hellebore,  
commonly  
known as the  
Lenten Rose

March 14, 2021



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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pastoral Prayer for Illumination</b> |                                                   | Pastor Eric     |
| Leader: God, in your mercy...           |                                                   |                 |
| <b>ALL: Hear our prayer.</b>            |                                                   |                 |
| <b>Lord's Prayer</b>                    |                                                   |                 |
| <b>Passing of the Peace</b>             |                                                   | Pastor Eric     |
| <b>In Scripture</b>                     | Numbers 21:4-9                                    | Elder Gary Ochs |
| <b>In the Proclamation</b>              | "The Serpent of Life"                             | Pastor Eric     |
| <b>Invitation to Giving</b>             |                                                   | Elder Gary Ochs |
| <b>Doxology</b>                         |                                                   | On Screen       |
| <b>Prayer of Dedication</b>             |                                                   | Elder Gary Ochs |
| <b>Invitation to Christ's Table</b>     |                                                   | Elder Gary Ochs |
| <b>Words of Institution</b>             |                                                   | Pastor Eric     |
| <b>Communion</b>                        | Just as I Am, without One Plea - Timothy Albrecht |                 |
| <b>Taking of the Bread and Cup</b>      |                                                   | Pastor Eric     |
| <b>Closing Hymn</b>                     | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah                    | #622            |
| <b>Blessings and Benediction</b>        |                                                   |                 |
| <b>*Postlude</b>                        | Jesus, Lead Thou On - Paul Manz                   |                 |

## Blessing Boxes Update

With regard to donating to the Blessing Box project, there will be no Blessing Box containers this year unless you still have yours from 2020 and want to use it for this year. Otherwise, there are labeled envelopes on the table outside the office door in the hallway along with Lenten Lectionary Readings on a purple print out to use as you meditate during Lent. The 2021 offering envelopes are there also.

If you don't want to contribute a bag or container of coins, you can write a check, place it in the Blessing Box envelope, and slide it under Linda's door for safety. The donations should be turned in around Palm Sunday, March 28.

Thank you for participating. Have a wonderful Lenten season.



## Feed My Sheep Information

Due to Covid, Feed My Sheep forms will not be available BUT please continue to Support LIFE Pantry. The Outreach Ministry encourages you to purchase extra food when you are shopping and deliver it to the pantry yourself. No matter the amount, all helps bring joy to the hungry of our community.

Peace and Blessings to all! Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.

You may drop it off at: **LIFE Food Pantry**  
**on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday**  
**or simply mail a check to LIFE**  
**1204 'I' Street, Bedford!**



**FOOD DRIVE**



## **A Brief Biography of Reverend Eric James Brotheridge**

With the peace and grace of Christ Jesus, hello! I look forward to beginning as your Sunday Minister on March 7. Here is some brief biographical information: I am a fifth-generation minister growing up in a parsonage right next door to my childhood church in Flossmoor, Illinois - a south suburb of Chicago. I now consider myself a Hoosier having lived more than half my life in Indiana after moving here in 1990. I tend to be more sympathetic to the colors of Black & Gold as I am a graduate of DePauw University. However, Cream & Crimson are growing on me now that I am residing in Bloomington and attending Indiana University seeking a secondary degree in English. I have enjoyed four careers in my brief time on Earth. After graduating from DePauw I spent ten years in the banking industry serving in the pension fund departments of several trust companies in Chicago and Indianapolis. Following a brief stint in Kalamazoo, I “retired” from the banking business, tired of constantly having to change my stationary due to the endless rounds of bank mergers. In 1996, just after the birth of my second daughter, I gave myself the summer off to find myself...and found my true calling - to be a stay-at-home father. About halfway through this line of work, I received the more formal call into the family business of ministry when my eldest asked, while scooping sand in the backyard sandbox, “Daddy, why is God a boy?” I applied to Christian Theological Seminary the following day, receiving the Presidential Scholarship to spend the next four-and-a-half years immersing myself in thousands of years of Judeo-Christian history, tradition and theology only to reply to my eldest, “It’s a metaphor, daughter.” Two weeks before starting seminary God saw fit to bless me with the challenge of advancing through “God’s-school” with a third daughter; first as a newborn, then a toddler, then as a precocious and inquisitive young girl more interested in finding where the faculty and staff hid the candy in their respective desks than in the intricate, prophetic utterances of Second Isaiah. In 2002, I began serving churches, first as a student, then as a senior pastor followed by several interim ministry positions. I have had the pleasure and joy to minister at several churches in central and northern Indiana. I put the ministry on hiatus in 2014 after becoming a single father of my three daughters. I worked in Logistics and Transportation at Amazon.com for six years finding the demands of “punching the clock” more conducive to family life than 24/7 parish ministry. Now that my precocious and inquisitive, youngest daughter is studying at M.I.T. on an Air Force R.O.T.C. scholarship, I decided to join her in pursuing more education...only at Indiana University. I am thrilled to be able to serve First Christian Church as the Sunday Minister! In my spare time I enjoy reading (poetry and fiction and anything good), strumming the guitar and playing video games (RPG’s). When the weather is good I “train” for running by running a few miles a day. Most importantly, I love just being “Poppa” for my beloved daughters.