



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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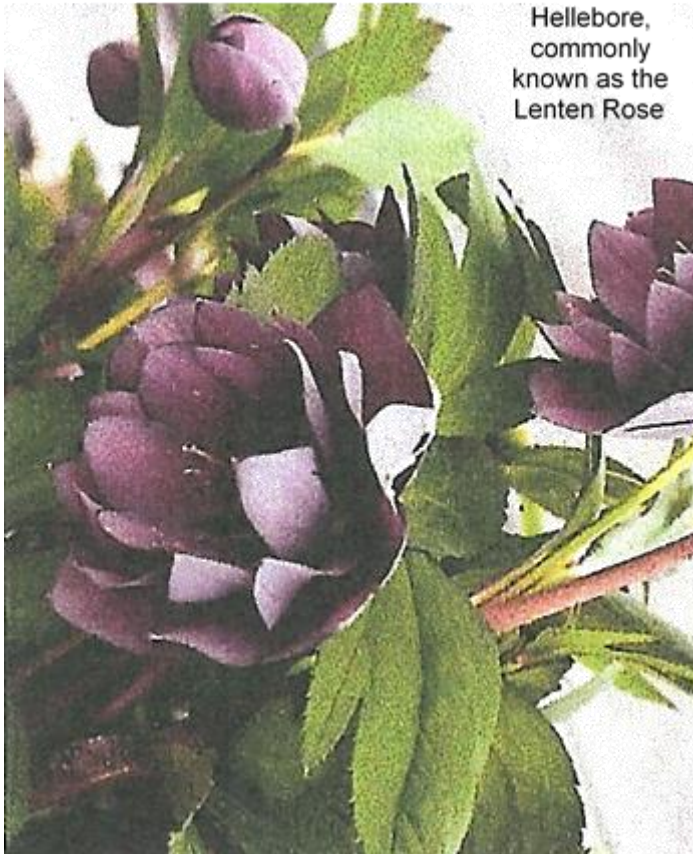
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Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance

Lent



Hellebore,
commonly
known as the
Lenten Rose

March 7, 2021

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:30 am

Introduction of Rev. Eric Brotheridge, Our New Sunday Minister

Welcome

Prelude Trumpet Duet - Here I Am, Lord - Schutte/Larson

Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Reading

Violin Solo Praise to the Lord

Reading

Trumpet Duet I Will Sing of Thy Mercies

Reading

Oboe Solo Lift Thine Eyes

Reading

Oboe Solo Jesu, Priceless Treasure

Invitation to Giving

Doxology

Invitation to Communion

Violin Solo My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Reading

Hymn God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Postlude Trumpet Duet - The Gift of Love - Hopson/Larson

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](https://www.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.

Participants in Service:

READERS: Ashley Maxwell, Christie Maxwell, Jack Maxwell

MUSICIANS: Drew Bailey - Oboe, Ray Bradway - Trumpet, Ginny Jones - Violin and Guitar, Jim Kirkman - Trumpet, Grant Robbins - Guitar, Mary Ruth Yates – Organ

Flower pictured on front of bulletin is a hellebore, commonly known as the Lenten Rose

Church Office Hours: Wednesday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Custodian’s Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Sunday Minister: Rev. Eric Brotheridge

Organist: Mary Ruth Yates

Administrative Assistant: Mitzi Flynn

Custodian: Steve Harrell

Camp Manager: Chuck Bair

Church Web Page: firstccbedford.org

Camp Bedford Web Page: campbedford.com

Praise

Paul Owens has recovered from COVID and is back to work. Lord, hear our praise!

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 Glen, 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.