



# Read All About It





January 21st, 2024  
Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

First Christian Church Chico

(Disciples of Christ)

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**Welcome Visitors!** We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, *everyone*.

## I. Prelude – (Nancy Thompson)

## II. Ringing of the Bell

## III. Welcome and Announcements (Tom Shifflet)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Tuesday — 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- Wednesday — 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner; 2:30 p.m. Music Practice, Room 4; 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions Bible Study, Room 6 and Zoom.
- Saturday— 1:00 p.m. Game Day, Bethany; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center
- Sunday –Scout Sunday! 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Room 6 and Zoom; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

#### IV. Opening Hymn – CH #463 “Renew Your Church” (Nancy Thompson)

Renew your church, our ministries restore: both to  
serve and adore  
Make us again as salt throughout the land, and as light  
from a stand.  
‘Mid somber shadows of the night, where greed and  
hatred spread their blight,  
O send us forth with power endued. Help us God, be  
renewed.

Teach us your word, reveal its truth divine, on our  
path let it shine.  
Tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace, from  
each page show your face.  
As you have sent your Christ to save, in love to  
triumph o’er the grave,  
O let our hearts with love be stirred, help us God,  
know your word.

Teach us to pray, for you are ever near, your still voice  
let us hear.  
Our souls are restless ‘til they rest in you: Love’s  
design ever new.  
Before your presence keep us still that we may find  
for us your will  
And seek your guidance every day. Teach us, God,  
how to pray.

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,  
each and all – humankind!  
Break down old walls of prejudice and hate, leave us  
not to our fate.  
As you have loved and giv’n your life to end hostility  
and strife,  
O share your grace from heav’n above, teach us, God,  
how to love.

#### V. Call to Worship CH 451 “Litany of Ministry” (Tom Shifflet)

O God, who sent Jesus into the world  
Not to be ministered unto, but to minister,  
And to give his life to set others free,  
Shape us for your ministry.

**Claim us, O God, for your service, and direct us  
toward your will.**

You have graced all members of Christ’s body, one by  
one,  
With gifts of the Spirit to fulfill their vocation:  
To lead lives worthy of your calling,  
To be workers who have no reason to be ashamed,  
To shine as lights to your glory.

**You have granted each of us the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**

You give grace according to the measure of Christ's gift,  
And some are called to be apostles,  
Some prophets,  
Some evangelists,  
Some pastors and teachers,  
To equip the saints for the work of ministry,  
For building up the body of Christ.

**Grant that together we may all come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of your Son, to the full stature of Christ.**

Through your grace, O God, may we lead a life  
Worthy of the vocation to which you call us.

**Claim us, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.**

**VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School**

**VII. Laughing Bird Psalm 111 (Tom Shifflet)**

Wow! More power to you, LORD!  
We can't thank you enough.

With all who stand for justice  
our hearts burst with gratitude.

The things you do are fantastic, LORD,  
and those who see and understand  
never tire of exploring them.

Your works are magnificent, majestic,  
and their integrity will never be eroded.

You have a reputation for doing amazing things,  
and all of them generous and merciful.

You nourish those who honour you  
and you are always true to your word.

You have left your people in no doubt  
about your power;  
you have given them the whole world on a plate.

Everything you put your hands to  
is faithful, fair and trustworthy,  
as is everything you say.

What you say goes, now and forever,  
and no one can afford to ignore it.

You rescue your people and bring them home safe,  
for you have committed yourself to them  
for all time.

The mere mention of your holy name  
makes us go weak all over!

Wisdom is born when your awesome presence  
knocks us to our knees  
and those who never lose sight of that  
have got their heads on straight.

Awestruck, we give you honour and respect for ever.

### **VIII. Mark 1:21-28 (NRSV) (Tom Shifflet)**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

### **IX. Sermon – “Read All About It” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)**

### **X. Song of Reflection and Invitation – CH #452 “Here I Am, Lord” (Nancy Thompson)**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people  
cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their  
darkness bright

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people  
in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for  
love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people  
in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor  
and lame

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people  
in my heart.

#### **XI. Moments for Mission**

#### **XII. Prayers of the People**

#### **XIII. Communion Song CH #403 “In Remembrance of Me” (Nancy Thompson)**

In remembrance of Me eat this bread  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
When God’s own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick  
In remembrance of me feed the poor  
In remembrance of me open the door  
And let your neighbor in, let them in

Take eat and be comforted  
Drink and remember too

That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth  
In remembrance of me always love  
In remembrance of me don’t look above  
But in your heart look for God  
Do this in remembrance of Me

#### **XIV. Institution of Communion (Gary Cantwell, and Joe Rogers, elders)**

#### **XV. Partaking Communion Together**

#### **XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)**

#### **XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)**

- **Game Day Coming Soon!** The first Game Day will be Saturday, February 3rd, from 1-5 p.m. in the Bethany Room. This is a snack potluck, so bring a snack to share! Everyone is welcome. Please see Amber McGill for more information.

## Attendance

### Attendance for January 21st, 2024:

Sanctuary: 33    Online: 21    Total: 54

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Jan. 28th-February 4th, 2024

CALENDAR

### This Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

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## Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What's a "Doxology"?** Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord's Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We'd love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you'll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.