



July 30th, 2023 Guest Preacher Kevin Zeitler
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 – (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Connie Wakefield)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Tuesday – 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel; 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting, Zoom
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – Chico Creek/Chico Ballet rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6
- Friday – 7:00 p.m. Chico Creek/Chico Ballet performance, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 6, 10
- Saturday—2:00 p.m. Chico Creek/Chico Ballet performance, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 6, 10, Kitchen
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service
- Offerings may be put in the collection plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

IV. Opening Hymn – CP #184 “Soon and Very Soon” (Joshua Hegg)

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King
No more dying there, we are going to see the King
No more dying there, we are going to see the King
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King
No more crying there, we are going to see the King
No more crying there, we are going to see the King
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.

V. Call to Worship – (Connie Wakefield)

Gathered together in this community of faith, we are
a focusing point in time for the worship of all
God's children in earth and heaven.

**Wherever we are gathered, in whatever numbers,
small or great, we show forth life of the great
church indivisible.**

As the redeemed of God, let us enter into the
communion of the saints.

**We offer our lives to God, forgetting ourselves in
the great company of those who trust in God.**

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Psalm 105:1-11, 45 Laughing Bird Version (Connie Wakefield)

We shout your name and give you thanks, LORD;
we will tell everyone what you have done for us.
We sing your praises in your presence,
and publicise your wonderful achievements.

We put your name up in lights, your name alone;
our hearts burst with joy when we approach you.
It is you we want most of all, you and your strength;
we try to keep near to you all the time.

Like all the descendants of Abraham and Jacob,
and all your chosen children,
we remember all the astonishing things you have done
and the breath-taking wisdom of your decisions.

You are the LORD our God;
what you say, goes, everywhere on earth.
You never forget the alliance you have made with us;
you've been true to your word for a thousand
generations.

You made the alliance with Abraham;
you promised Isaac you would stick to it;
you confirmed it in writing to Jacob,
promising Israel that the alliance was in place forever.
You gave them the land of Canaan as a family
property,
to be passed on down from one generation to the
next.

You are the greatest, LORD!

VIII. Romans 12:9-15, 20 NRSV– (Connie Wakefield)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to
what is good; love one another with mutual affection;
outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in
zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in

hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend
hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute
you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those
who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they
are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing
this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”

IX. Sermon – “Love in Action” (Kevin Zeitler)

X. Hymn of Reflection – CH #606 “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (Joshua Hegg)

God, whose giving knows no ending
From your rich and endless store
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ Your Son
All at peace in health and freedom
Races joined the church made one
Now direct our daily labor
Lest we strive for self alone
Born with talents make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne

Treasure too You have entrusted
Gain through powers Your grace conferred
Ours to use for home and kindred
And to spread the gospel word
Open wide our hands in sharing
As we heed Christ's ageless call
Healing, teaching and reclaiming
Serving You by loving all

XI. Moments for Mission (Georgia Nelson)

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song CH #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (Joshua Hegg)

Let us talents and tongues employ
Reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken, the wine is poured
Christ is spoken and seen and heard
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

Christ is able to make us one
At the table He sets the tone
Teaching people to live to bless
Love in word and in deed express
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt
Gives us love to tell bread to share
God Immanuel everywhere
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

XIV. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Max Erwin, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

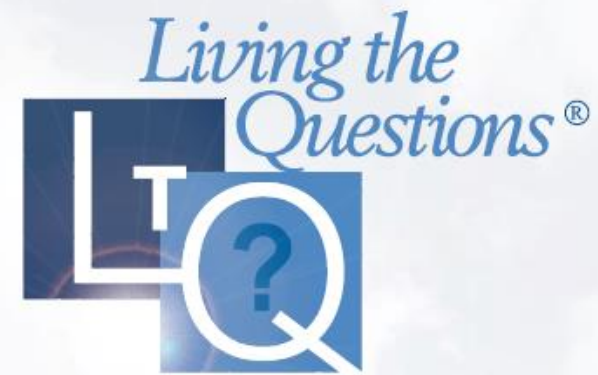
XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Kevin Zeitler)

XVII. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

August Caller are available in the sanctuary, near the bulletins. They are also available on our website under the Events tab.

New Church Family Directories are available in the sanctuary, near the bulletins. Members can request one to be mailed to by contacting the church office, 343-3727, or chicodisciples@gmail.com.

Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force: Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force hand outs are in the Sanctuary, next to the bulletins, are on the next pages of this bulletin, and available on our website fccchico.com on the homepage. They can be returned in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or sent to the church office by email, or mail.



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WHEN: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. starting July 27th, 2023

CONTACT: Georgia Nelson, (530) 632-4372. Or just come. We'll have cookies!

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Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force Church Officers for 2024

We, the Nominating Committee, request that all members of First Christian Church, Chico seriously and prayerfully recommend those persons you believe should be asked to consider a leadership position. Indicate those names below. You may put it in the collection plate, drop it by the office or mail it to the church.

Your participation in this process is important and we appreciate your input. Please respond now while it is fresh in your mind. **Please consider the desired Leadership qualities and gifts for serving as listed below:**

Board Moderator: Be objective and able to listen to all sides; open to hearing all perspectives and ideas; able to keep a meeting on the subject at hand; be a calming influence.

Vice-Moderator: In the absence of the Board Moderator, presides at congregational and Church Board meetings and carries out all other duties of the Board Moderator. Appoints a chair of the Diaconate and assists with recruitment and training of the Diaconate. Oversees the Elders and Personnel Committee.

Board Secretary: Able to hear what is being said at the meeting, and record the meeting activities and actions.

Church Treasurer: Timely payment of bills; correct errors in a timely manner; work closely with leadership; be transparent and open; must maintain confidentiality.

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the Christian education, membership, worship arts, fellowship and program ministries.

Outreach Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates evangelism, missional outreach, and Regional/General Church relations.

Administrative Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the administrative ministries of the church including business and property.

At Large Board Member: Interested in the life of the church, and committed to its future thriving.

Elders: Willing to help care for the spiritual needs of the congregation, as a part of the shared ministry of the church; committed to being equipped and to equip others; have a desire to grow spiritually, and to help others grow in their faith.

Financial Secretary: A numbers person; confidential, organized and efficient.

Ass't. Financial Secretary: Same as Financial Secretary.

Personnel Committee Member: Able to look at staff as employees; have an understanding and experience in business practices; listen to congregational concerns; work closely and communicate with the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Endowment Trustee: An understanding of financial practices; has a passion for developing planned giving programs within the congregation.

—Nominating Committee

I prayerfully recommend...

Board Moderator	_____

Vice Moderator	_____

Board Secretary	_____

Church Treasurer	_____

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Outreach Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Administrative Ministry Coordinator:	_____

At Large Board Member	_____

Elder	_____

Financial Secretary	_____

Asst. Financial Secretary	_____

Personnel Committee	_____

Endowment Trustee	_____

From the FCC Bylaws, Article VII Section C: Additional nominees for any office may be made from the congregation in this manner: With the approval of the nominee, a petition signed by at least ten (10) active members shall be in the hands of the nominating committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the annual election. If such additional nominations are made, the committee shall announce to the congregation the revised slate, including all nominees for each vacancy.

Please return the completed form either by the collection plate on Sunday morning, dropping it off at the church office, or mailing it to the church. Thank you!

Attendance

Attendance for July 23rd, 2023:

Online: 7 Sanctuary: 37 Total: 44

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This Sunday—Guest Preacher Kevin Zeidler

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

Tuesday

- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday

- Chico Ballet/Chico Creek rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions 2.0 Bible Study, Room 6

Friday

- 7:00 p.m. Chico Ballet/Chico Creek Performance, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 6, 10, Kitchen

Saturday

- 2:00 p.m. Chico Ballet/Chico Creek performance, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 6, 10, kitchen

Next Sunday—Guest Preacher Rev. Ted Sandberg

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

Pastor Jesse will be on Sabbatical
June 26th through September 17th

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.
- **Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us!**
www.fccchico.com
- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.