



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)



September 14th, 2025

Pastor Rev. Jesse Kearns

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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 (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

- Today – **Show ‘N Tell Potluck** Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following worship; 2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in the Spiritual Care Center
- Monday—Deadline to submit articles to *The Caller*, our monthly newsletter
- Tuesday – 2 p.m. Disciples Women’s Ministry meeting in Bethany; 7 p.m. Elders’ Meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at the Cozy Diner; 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom
- Saturday—10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Stewardship Estimate of Giving Pledge Cards are in the pew racks and are due on Stewardship Sunday, November 16th.
- A donation box for the 6th Street Youth Center is under the tables near the bulletins in the Sanctuary. Please see your bulletin insert for more information.

- Please see the back of your bulletins for the full calendar.
- Offerings may be put on the offering plate near the bulletins at the sanctuary's entrance.

IV. Greeting One Another

V. Opening Hymn – CH #357 “We Call Ourselves Disciples” (Nancy Thompson)

We call ourselves disciples as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.

As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

The cup and cross before us, proclaim our hope above,
The sign of our Redeemer, the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted, the cup poured out for all.
When gathered at the table we hear our common call.

We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.

Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
We live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,
To share the cup of water and bread with all in need;
To work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail,
Till all this planet's people know justice without fail.

So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
In hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
We go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

VI. Call to Worship (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

We find it easy to say, “Yes, we will follow Christ.”
**But sometimes discipleship makes
uncomfortable demands on us.**

Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.
He is present with us at all times.

Let us place our trust always in his guidance.

**Let us open our hearts to his will and his ways.
AMEN.**

**VII. Children in Fourth Grade and Under are
Dismissed for Sunday School**

**VIII. Psalm 14 (Laughing Bird) (Lori Terrell-
Adrian)**

Heartless, mindless scum kid themselves
that there is no God.

They are corrupt and callous.
The things they do would make you sick.
There is not an ounce of good among them.

The LORD scans the human race, one at a time,
looking for any who are still wise;
for even one who still has a heart for God.

But it's like looking for a needle in a haystack!
They've all lost the plot.
Everyone is caught up
in their own perverse ways.
Every last one of them.

Don't they know where all this will get them?
They never look to the LORD for anything;
they chew up God's people and spit them out.

But it will soon be their turn to cringe in fear,
because God sides with those who play straight.

If you think you can trample
the dreams of the battlers,
Watch out! The LORD will be there for them.
We can hardly wait to hear the songs of freedom
as justice marches down from God's mountain!

What a day it will be
when the LORD redistributes the wealth
and God's people are compensated
for their suffering!

Our ancestors will rise up with joy!
The streets will fill with singing and dancing!

IX. Luke 14:25-33 (NRSVUE) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he
turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and
does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be
my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and
follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you,
intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and
estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to
complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation
and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to

ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

X. Sermon – “What Disciples Do: Radical Commitment” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song Invitation – CH #621 “Are Ye Able,” Said the Master” (Nancy Thompson)

“Are ye able,” said the Master,
“to be crucified with me?”
“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered,
“to the death we follow thee.”

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
A beacon to God, to love and loyalty.

“Are ye able,” to remember,
When a thief lifts up his eyes,
That his pardoned soul is worthy
Of a place in paradise?

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
A beacon to God, to love and loyalty.

“Are ye able” when the shadows
Close around you with the sod,
To believe that spirit triumphs,
To commend your soul to God?

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
A beacon to God, to love and loyalty.

“Are ye able?” Still the Master
Whispers down eternity,
And heroic spirits answer
Now, as then, in Galilee.

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
A beacon to God, to love and loyalty.

XII. Moments for Mission: FCC Corning (Kevin Zeitler)

XIII. Prayers of the People

XIV. Communion Song – CH #627 “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” (Nancy Thompson)

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

XV. Institution of Communion (Joe Rogers, elder)

XVI. Partaking Communion Together

XVII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVIII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)



Here is a wonderful opportunity to donate to a special cause. Pastor Jesse talked about 6th Street Center for Youth at Moments For Mission last Sunday. Our Outreach Ministries is currently **LOVING** on this organization for the month of September!!

This organization is part of Youth For Change. They have programs that work with the homeless and runaways. They provide 24/7 crisis response for these homeless and runaway youth. Many of these youth have been foster care children.

They are currently asking for help from First Christian Church for donated items for their youth:

- Underwear (especially T Shirts) Adult sizes - small to X Large
- Socks
- Travel-size shampoos
- Travel-size conditioners

There will be a container for you to place your donated items. It will be marked 6th Street Center for Youth. It will be in the Sanctuary.

Or ASK ME :) I will make an announcement on Sunday as well.

--Georgia Nelson, Outreach Ministries Coordinator



Annual Holiday Bazaar First Christian Church

November 1, 2025

9 am to 1 pm



Sewing Fantasy

Farmer's Market

Vintage Collectables

Country Kitchen

Opportunity Drawing

Children's Corner

Proceeds Support Community Outreach

Cash * Checks * Credit Cards Accepted
295 E. Washington Avenue Chico

2025 Disciples Women's Ministries Bazaar

Sat. November 1st, 2025 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Questions: Call Judy Brillhart 345-4663, Carolyn Driscoll 588-3869,
Barbara Poetker 487-3732

I would like to be involved in the Bazaar. I can work:

- ☐ Before— getting set up
- ☐ During the Bazaar
- ☐ Helping clean up

I am interested in the following booth, either work or providing items to sell:

- ☐ **Country Kitchen (Marie Grandeen)**
Baked goods, jams/jellies, gift kits (soup, cookies, etc.)
- ☐ **Farmer's Market (Carolyn Driscoll)**
Plants, produce, nuts, and related items
- ☐ **Sewing Fantasy (Diane Terrell & Lori Terrell-Adrian)**
Sewn, quilted, and knit items, handmade items (cards, scrubbies, baby items, bibs, etc.)
- ☐ **Vintage Collectibles (Cynthia Cantwell & Leslie Moore)**
Gently used dishes, vases, kitchen items, Christmas items, new items (with tags). NO furniture, books, clothing, or nonworking items
- ☐ **Opportunity Drawing (Peggy Davidson)**
- Dining Room (Dave Hoppe)**
 - ☐ Decorating
 - ☐ Serving and clean up
 - ☐ Making pies (pumpkin or apple)
- Cashiers (Nancy Thompson & Carolyn Hicks)**
 - ☐ Dining Room
 - ☐ Main Room
- ☐ **Children's Corner (Hilary Erwin)**
Crafts and projects to entertain the children

Name: _____

Phone: _____
Return by placing in offering plate, or mailing to the church office

- **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 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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- **Deadlines:** Sunday Bulletin-Wednesdays, 10 am; Callerito weekly email-Thursday 10 am; Caller, monthly newsletter-15th at noon.

Attendance for September 7th, 2025

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