

What Are We Waiting For?

First Christian Church

(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 – (Carolyn Driscoll)

- Welcome to everyone here in the sanctuary, on Facebook, and Zoom
- Today –Our Fellowship is in Koinonia Hall following our worship service; after fellowship will be a Blue Clouds Arts workshop in the Chapel
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters will meet in Fireside; 7 p.m. Church Board Hybrid Meeting will be in the Chapel and on Zoom.
- Wednesday –10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Chapel and on Zoom.
- Saturday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10
- Next Sunday – is our congregational meeting where we will vote for next year's leaders. Corning FCC's service begins at 11 am and they are located at 1421 Marin St. in the Fellowship Hall at the back of the church
- Please see the back of your bulletins for the calendar
- Offerings may be put on the offering plate near the bulletins near the sanctuary's entrance.

IV. Greeting One Another

V. Opening Hymn – CH #15 “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” vs. 1, 2, 5 (Nancy Thompson)

Rejoice, you pure in heart
lift praises to the sky
Your festive banner wave with joy,
The cross of Christ raise high
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright you and snow crowned age
Strong souls and spirits meek
Raise high your free exulting song
God’s wondrous praises speak
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Praise God who rules all worlds
The risen Christ adore
Praise God the Spirit holy fire
One God forever more
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

VI. Responsive Call to Worship – (Carolyn Driscoll)

Leader: We gather with hopes for what God will do among us.

People: Open our eyes to what God is doing here and now.

Leader: We sometimes wait for the perfect moment or the perfect opportunity.

People: Help us recognize the gifts and possibilities already before us.

Leader: Christ calls us to be ready, faithful, and attentive.

People: **May our worship prepare us to respond with courage and love.**

All: Let us worship God!

VII. Children are Dismissed for Sunday School

VIII. First Scripture Reading Psalm 78:1-7 (Laughing Bird) (Carolyn Driscoll)

We are keen to learn of you, LORD;
your people are eager to hear what you have to say.

We listen to those who pass on the old stories;
the dark mysteries of ancient wisdom.
These are things we must hear and know,
for the wisdom of our ancestors must not be lost.

We will not deprive our children of these things.
We will pass on the stories to the next generation, LORD,
stories of the wonderful things you have done,
so that they know how great and amazing you are.

You laid down the law for your people, LORD,
and set out what you expected of your chosen ones.
You spelt it out to our ancestors,
and told them to teach it to their children,
so that the next generation would know your ways;
so that those who had not yet even been born
would be able to grow up and pass it on to their children;
so that they will trust their future to you, God,
living their lives by your instructions
and never forgetting what you have done.

IX. Second Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVUE) (Carolyn Driscoll)

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all

those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

X. Sermon -- “What Are We Waiting For?” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song of Invitation – CH #586 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (Nancy Thompson)

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

XII. Moments for Mission: Christian Church Homes in Chico

XIII. Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
The glory forever, Amen.

XIV. Response CH # 306 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (Nancy Thompson)

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace.
Amen.

XV. Communion Song –CH #414 “Eat This Bread” (Nancy Thompson)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

XVI. Institution of Communion (Georgia Nelson, elder)

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIX. Postlude (Nancy Thompson)

- **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: November 1, 2026

Online: 18 In Person: 53 **Total: 71**

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Calendar for the Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 8

- 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- After fellowship, Blue Cloud Arts, Chapel
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 10

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 7 p.m. Church Board Hybrid Meeting, Chapel and Zoom

Wednesday, November 11

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
- 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2, Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday, November 12

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- 10 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2, Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, *Living Toward Hope*, Chapel and Zoom

Saturday, November 14

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10

Sunday, November 15—Annual Congregational Meeting; Vote for 2027 Church Leaders; 2027 Stewardship Pledge cards due

- 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 11 a.m. Corning FCC Service begins, 1421 Marin St., in the Fellowship Hall at the back of the church
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary