



**First Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

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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 – (Dave Hoppe)**

- Today – Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Tuesday – 10:45 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 7 p.m. Church Board Hybrid Meeting in Chapel and on Zoom
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at Chico First Baptist Church and on their Zoom
- Saturday – 5 p.m. Chico Dance Group in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- 2025 Annual Reports are on the tables near the bulletins in the Sanctuary
- 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. Call to Worship – (Dave Hoppe)**

Leader: Jesus saw the crowds, went up the mountain,  
and began to teach.

**People: We gather now to listen for his voice.**

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.

**People: We come, trusting God's promise even in  
our emptiness.**

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be  
comforted.

**People: We bring our grief, believing God meets  
us here.**

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness.

**People: We come longing for justice, mercy, and  
truth.**

Leader: Blessed are the merciful, the pure in heart,  
and the peacemakers.

**People: Shape us into people of compassion and  
peace.**

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted for  
righteousness' sake.

**People: Strengthen us to follow Christ with  
courage and hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls the  
unlikely blessed.

**People: Let us worship together. Amen.**

## **VI. Opening Hymn – CH #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Joshua Hegg)**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive our fear and doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Stars of morning take your part;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Binding those of tender heart  
Ever singing, move we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

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

## **VIII. Psalm 15 (NRSVUE) (Dave Hoppe)**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right  
and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue  
and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;  
in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

## **IX. Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSVUE) (Dave Hoppe)**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And  
he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom  
of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be  
comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**X. Sermon -- “A Promise of Blessing” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)**

**XI. Hymn of Reflection – CP #91 “Create in Me a Clean Heart” (Joshua Hegg)**

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord,  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

**XII. Moments for Mission: Blue Cloud Art Productions**

**XIII. Prayers of the People**

**XIV. Response CH # 306 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” (Joshua Hegg)**

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

**XV. Communion Song – CP #175 “From This Very Place” (Joshua Hegg)**

From this very place, Lord touch the nations;  
Let us be a light to every race.  
Hear our humble cry that all would know you as we  
go  
From this very place.

‘Til every knee bows and every tongue sings praise  
‘Til everyone hears of your grace,  
We will lay down our lives and pray that your  
blessings flow  
From this very place.

Melt these hearts of stone with your compassion;  
Let us see others through eyes of grace  
Fill us with the fire of your sweet spirit  
As we go from this very place.

'Til every knee bows and every tongue sings praise  
'Til everyone hears of your grace,  
We will lay down our lives and pray that your  
blessings flow  
From this very place.

We will lay down our lives and pray that salvation  
flows from this place  
Let your healing flow from this place  
Let your blessings flow from this place.

## **XVI. Institution of Communion (Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, elder)**

## **XVII. Partaking Communion Together**

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

## **XIX. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)**

- **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.

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**Attendance: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Online: 10      Sanctuary: 58      **Total: 68**

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## February 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### This Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, in Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center

### Tuesday

- 10:45 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board hybrid meeting, Chapel and Zoom

### Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Troop 2, Fireside and Koinonia Hall

### Thursday

- 8:30 am Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner;
- 5:30 p.m. BSA Cub Scout Pack 2, Fireside and Koinonia Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Chico First Baptist

### Saturday

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### Next Sunday

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