



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)



August 17th, 2025 Guest Speakers Leslie Johnson & Bob Trausch

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 (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

- Today – Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Pastor Jesse is out of town until Friday
- Tuesday – 7 p.m. Elders' meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 6:00 p.m. BSA Scouts Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- Thursday – No Worship Breakfast; No Music Practice; 5:30 p.m. BSA Cub Pack 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside; 6:30 p.m. Wisdom Literature Bible Study Begins at Chico First Baptist and on their Zoom.
- Friday – 1 p.m. Healing Circle in Bethany
- Saturday – All Day BSA Woodbadge Scout Leader Development in Koinonia Hall, Fireside, and Kitchen; 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10
- 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. Call to Worship – (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

Come, people of God, with open hands and open hearts.

We will not close our hearts to those in need.

God calls us to share freely, as He has shared with us.

We will give with joy, for the Lord has been generous.

Let us worship the One who gives every good gift.

With gratitude and love, we will bless others in His name.

V. Opening Hymn – CP #7 “Let Us Go to the House of the Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Called from ev’ry nation, called from ev’ry race,
gathered here for worship, in this holy place.
God is here among us; lift your hearts and sing;
make the walls and rafters ring.

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Here the poor are welcomed, here the lost are claimed.

Broken lives are mended; deepest fears are named.
Here the wise are children, and the weak are strong.
Here, in Christ, we all belong.

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Words that must be spoken, grace that must be heard,
mercy and forgiveness from God’s holy Word
Here will be repeated, peace to all proclaimed,
shouted out in Jesus’ name.

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“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

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

VII. Psalm 9:7-12 (NRSVUE) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

But the Lord sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for judgment.
He judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with equity.

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in
you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek
you.

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
Declare his deeds among the peoples.
For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

VIII. Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (NRSVUE) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be.

IX. CHAT Presentation by Guest Speakers Leslie Johnson & Bob Trausch

X. Hymn of Reflection – CP #99 “Make Me a Servant” (Joshua Hegg)

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

XI. Prayers of the People (Georgia Nelson)

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.

XII. Communion Song –CP # 172 “Gather Your People” (Joshua Hegg)

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters,
Each of us called to walk in your light.

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
Gather your people, O Lord.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other,
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
Gather your people, O Lord.

No more harm on the mountain of God;
Swords into plowshares.
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord,
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
Gather your people, O Lord.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life,
Waters of mercy, waters of hope
That flow from your side.

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
Gather your people, O Lord.

XIII. Institution of Communion (Barbara Poetker, elder)

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Barbara Poetker)

XVI. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)



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



Working to End Homelessness in Chico— The CHAT Story

Robert Trausch and Leslie Johnson will be sharing with the congregation today the story of their 12-year journey working with CHAT (Chico Housing Action Team), a wonderful nonprofit here in Chico. Since 2013, CHAT has been working hard to provide housing opportunities for people living unhoused, whether living in a homeless shelter, a car, on a couch, or camping outside in the elements. CHAT's very first project was to work with churches and other groups to provide overnight shelter during the cold winter months. First Christian was one of our first and best partners, opening its doors every year for our Safe Space winter shelter program, and enthusiastically serving delicious dinners for our guests every night. As we got to know our homeless folks better through Safe Space, we learned to our surprise that many had some income and would be thrilled to rent a bedroom in a shared home.

They just needed an opportunity! So, CHAT started renting houses and subletting the bedrooms to formerly homeless

people. This model has been very successful. CHAT currently is renting to about 200 formerly homeless individuals, including veterans, seniors, people living with mental illness, college students, disabled people, and even families with children. The religious communities of Chico, including First Christian, continue to be some of CHAT's best and most faithful supporters. We look forward to telling you more about CHAT's latest projects, and we will look for you in the fellowship hall for further conversations after the service, should you have questions.

If you would like to become a CHAT donor, checks may be sent to:

CHAT
PO Box 4868
Chico, CA 95927

You can also become a monthly donor by going to the CHAT website (<https://www.chicohousingactionteam.net/>) and clicking the "Donate" button to set that up. We especially welcome donations of required minimum distributions from your retirement account, or you may like to consider CHAT in your estate planning. We can also use furniture and food. And finally, we invite you to get more involved by making a dinner for Everhart Village each month. Please talk to Leslie and Bob for more information.

A big thank you to Joe Rogers and Lisa Currier, who both provide wonderful meals to Everhart Village every single month!

- **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 August 10th, 2025

Online: 13 Sanctuary: 47 Total: 60

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Calendar for August 17th-24th, 2025

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- 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

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