



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

July 27th, 2025

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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 (Kevin Zeitler)

- Today -- Fellowship following service in Koinonia Hall
- Monday – 1 p.m. Endowment Meeting in the Finance Office
- Wednesday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at the Cozy Diner; 10:00 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 6:30 p.m. Wisdom Literature Bible Study at Chico First Baptist and on their Zoom
- 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. Opening Hymn – CH# 295 “In This Very Room” (Nancy Thompson)

In this very room,
there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room
there's quite enough joy for one like me;

And there's quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room
there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room
there's quite enough joy for all of us;

And there's quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room
there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room
there's quite enough joy for all the world;

And there's quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow'r

To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

V. Call to Worship (Kevin Zeitler)

Are you weary from the stresses of this week?
Weariness and stress have been our constant companions.

Let the love of God wash over you, relieving your
stress and weariness.

We praise God for such abundant compassion to us.

Let the word of God enter your hearts and spirits,
giving you hope.

May our lives reflect God's abundant love and peace. AMEN.

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

VII. Psalm 85 (NRSVUE) (Kevin Zeitler)

Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin. Selah
You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

VIII. Luke 11:1-13 (NRSVUE) (Kevin Zeitler)

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their
hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who

knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

IX. Sermon – “Why Should I Pray?” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Song Invitation – CH #575 “Come and Find the Quiet Center” (Nancy Thompson)

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,

Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:

There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,

In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

XI. Moments for Mission

**XII. 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.

XIII. Communion Song – CH #387 “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken” (Nancy Thompson)

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, elder)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

... he will
**SPEAK
PEACE**
to his people,
to his faithful,
to those who
turn to him
in their
HEARTS.



Psalm 85:8, NRSV

- **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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Attendance for July 20th, 2025

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Calendar for July 27th-August 3rd, 2025

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

Monday

- Monday 1 p.m. Endowment Meeting, Finance Office

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 10:00 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 6:30 p.m. Wisdom Literature Bible Study, Chico First Baptist and on their Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Koinonia Hall & Fireside

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)

Next 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](#)
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- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

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