



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



September 11th, 2025

Dear Friends,

Throughout our faith journey, we receive many invitations—from confessing our faith, to caring for those in need, to bringing a dish to the next church potluck. Life in a community of faith is full of such moments.

Over the next several weeks, we will be intentional about how we respond to these invitations and how they shape our faith. Jesus calls us to bring all that we are and all that we have as disciples, allowing the disciplines of study, worship, prayer, service, and generosity to form us into Christ's image and strengthen us as agents of God's good work in the world.

When we choose what to bring before Christ, we bless creation with health and wholeness—what God desires for all. The world is broken, and we are called to be a movement for wholeness. Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we respond, funding the mission and ministry that reveal God's Realm among us.

On **October 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin an intentional reflection, ***Faithful, Hopeful, Loving***, as preparation for determining our investment in the ministry of First Christian Church. This journey will culminate on **November 16<sup>th</sup>**, during our Annual Business Meeting and Commitment Sunday. I invite you not only to bring your Estimate of Giving card, but also to join in the celebration of all God is doing through us.

Your prayers and participation are essential as we advance together on the pathway of discipleship. Like the early church, may we gather with “glad and generous hearts,” so that no one among us is in need (Acts 2). I look forward to discerning with you what it means to be **Faithful, Hopeful, and Loving** in this place.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jesse Kearns

Moderator Max Erwin

Treasurer Nancy Thompson



## Faithful, Hopeful, Loving

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**Pledge cards are due on Stewardship Sunday, November 16th, 2025**

I/we covenant my/our intent to give for God's work in the year 2026 through First Christian Church, Chico.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  weekly  monthly  annually, and will support in prayer the leadership, ongoing ministry and outreach of First Christian Church, Chico.

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#### For Your Records Estimate of Giving 2026

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