



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

May 10th, 2026—Mother's Day

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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 – (Jean McKay)

- Today –Mother's Day Celebration Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service;
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters are in Fireside; 10:45 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4
- Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council meeting in Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner, 6:30 Bible Study at Chico First Baptist
- Friday – Deadline to submit articles to our monthly newsletter, *The Caller*
- Next Sunday – Corning Sunday; FCC Corning's service begins at 11 am; After church Blue Cloud Production Arts meeting in the Chapel
- There will be no Bunco this month due to Memorial Day weekend
- Looking Ahead: We will celebrate Pentecost at Wildwood Park on May 24, at 10:30 a.m. with FCC Paradise and Chico First Baptist Church! Sing-along led by Good Country, worship, and

a barbecue potluck. Don't forget to wear red!

- 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 #261 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (Nancy Thompson)

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

VI. Call to Worship – CH #246 “Litany of the Spirit” (Jean McKay)

From out of our silent depths into visible corporate
acts,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Gathering the fragments of our church into a living
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Of the redeeming, reconciling, prophetic Christ,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Bonding together the dissenter, the affirmer and the
questor,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Radiating the power and the light of our rainbow-
hued people,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Revealing your presence in and among each perceived
Or self-defined minority, wounded, lonely or angry,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Gathering the fragments of our church into dynamic
communities of faith engaged in prophetic,
redemptive and reconciling ministries of love,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

--Harold Johnson, 20th-century Disciples church executive

VII. Children are Dismissed for Sunday School

VIII. Scripture Reading Psalm 66:8-20 (Laughing Bird) (Jean McKay)

If only everyone would honour you, God,
and fill the world with the sound of your praises.
You are the one who sustains our life
and keeps our feet on the right track.

You, God, have examined us carefully;
tested us to see what we were made of.
You drove us to our limits
and weighed us down with burdens;
you let us be run into the ground;
you took us through the fires of hell
and the depths of despair
but then finally into a wide and generous land.

So now we come to the place of worship
to fulfil our promises and offer our gifts.
All that we vowed to do if you got us out of trouble
we will now make good on with grateful hearts.

We will offer you whatever you ask;
the best of all we have and all we are;
all you have given us, we offer back to you.

We will tell everyone who honours and respects you
what you have done for us, God.

We cried out loud to you
and acknowledged your goodness.

If we had hung onto evil ideas,
you would have turned you back on us,
but you really have listened to us, God,
and taken note of all we have asked.

We honour you and praise you, God,
because you did not turn a deaf ear
or withhold your rock-solid love from us.

IX. Scripture Reading Acts 17:22-31 (NRSVUE) (Jean McKay)

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,
“Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in
every way. For as I went through the city and looked
carefully at the objects of your worship, I found
among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an
unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as
unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made
the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of
heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by
human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as
though he needed anything, since he himself gives to
all mortals life and breath and all things. From one
ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole
earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and
the boundaries of the places where they would live, so
that they would search for God and perhaps fumble
about for him and find him—though indeed he is not
far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and
move and have our being’; as even some of your own
poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

X. Sermon -- “The Air We Breathe” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song of Invitation – CH #254 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Nancy Thompson)

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

XII. Moments for Mission: Capital Campaign Update

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 #264 “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” Nancy Thompson)

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life’s darkest hour,
There is light and life, there is help and power
In the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

XVI. Institution of Communion (Barbara Poetker, elder)

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIX. Postlude (Nancy Thompson)



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Chico Food Project

Currently in Butte County, one in five households are at or below poverty level. That means there are a lot of Chico families who are hungry. Seventy-five percent of single moms and their children live in poverty. Food pantries have been overwhelmed by the demand and are in desperate need of a continual supply.

Chico Food Project is a door-to-door food collection program formed to help provide non-perishable items to existing Chico food pantries six times a year.



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Sharing food
in our community.



All-volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit charity providing food to our local food pantries year round.

How You can Help Chico Food Project

There are **3** ways to help Chico families. Fill out and mail in the attached card to:

- 1. Share Food**
Ask for a beautiful blue bag. We estimate that for every 300 people who participate, we collect one ton of additional food a month. It all starts with you and our blue food bag.
- 2. Invite Your Neighbors**
Ask your neighbors to get their own blue bags to fill as well.
- 3. Help Transport Food**
Once every two months on the second Saturday, help pick up the bags and deliver to local food pantries. [Approximately a two-hour time commitment.]



Click here to get your Beautiful Blue Bag
<https://www.chicofoodproject.org/sign-up/>

What Do You Do with those Beautiful Blue Bags?

There are **3** simple steps:

- 1. Shop**
Each week when you go shopping, buy one non-perishable food item.
- 2. Store**
Store your non-perishable food items in your food bag.
- 3. Set Out**
On the second Saturday of every other month, a volunteer will pick up the bag, leave another bag in its place, and then take the filled bag to food pantries.

It's That Simple!

You buy one extra non-perishable food item each week; we do the rest!



- **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: May 3rd, 2026		
Online: 13	Sanctuary: 49	Total: 62

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Calendar for May 10th-17th, 2026

Sunday—Mother's Day

- 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, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 10:45 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4

Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Chico First Baptist Church

Saturday

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

Sunday—Corning 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](#)
- **After church Blue Cloud Production Arts meeting, Chapel**
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- **11:00 a.m. FCC Corning Service begins, 1421 Marin St. Corning**
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary