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First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

August 23, 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 (Nancy Thompson)

II. Ringing of the Bell

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

- Today –Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Wednesday – **9:30 a.m. PEO, Fireside** (incorrectly listed last week)
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner, 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 6:30 p.m. Bible study in Room 6 and on Zoom
- Friday – 1 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany
- Saturday – 7 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva Prayer Vigil, Chapel
- Next Sunday – **After Fellowship, Capital Campaign meeting, Room 6**
- **We need people to sign up for Worship Leaders!**
- Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force are next to the bulletins, and may be put in the collection plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to the church.
- 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 #53 “Morning Has Broken” (Nancy Thompson)

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

VI. Responsive Call to Worship – (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

God has shown us mercy beyond measure.
So we offer our lives in gratitude.
Do not be conformed to the ways of this world.
Let God transform us by renewing our minds.

We are many members, but we are one body.
Let us use our gifts in service to one another.
God desires mercy, love, and lives devoted to the
good of others.
All: So let us worship God with our whole lives.

VII. Children are Dismissed for Sunday School

VIII. First Scripture Reading Matthew 9:9-13 (NRSVUE) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

**IX. Second Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-8
(NRSVUE) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

X. Sermon -- “Living Sacrifices” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

**XI. Song of Invitation –CH #80 “My Shepherd,
You Supply My Need” (Nancy Thompson)**

My Shepherd, you supply my need;
most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back,
when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God,
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest,
but like a child at home.

XII. Moments for Mission

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 #395 “Seed, Scattered and Sown” (Nancy Thompson)

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown

Bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine work of our hands
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the
Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break
A sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless
The Blood of Christ outpoured?

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown
Bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine work of our hands
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the
Living Bread of God.

The seed which falls on rock,
will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground
will flower and have life.

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown
Bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine work of our hands
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the
Living Bread of God

As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown
So may the church of God
Be gathered into one

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown
Bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine work of our hands
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**XVI. Institution of Communion (Kevin Zeitler,
elder)**

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

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

XIX. Postlude (Nancy Thompson)

- **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: August 16, 2026

Sanctuary: 49

Online: 10

Total: 59

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Calendar for August 23-30, 2026

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

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- **9:30 a.m. PEO meeting, Fireside** (incorrectly listed last week)
- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
- 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

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- 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
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