



## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

June 28, 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 – (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Today –Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service; Noon to 2 p.m. Rev. Gail Hill’s Retirement Party at Chico First Baptist Church
- Tuesday – 10:45 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner,
- Friday – Church Office Closed
- 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 #288 “O God of Vision” vs. 1, 2, 5 (Nancy Thompson)

O God of vision  
far greater than all human scheming,  
gather us now in your presence,

refreshing, redeeming.  
Show us anew,  
life in your breathtaking view,  
lovely beyond all our dreaming.

Pour out your Spirit on all  
Now assembled before you.  
May our diversity here  
Be a means to adore you.  
Women and men, young, old, and youthful again  
Make us as one, we implore you.

Grateful, we come now by  
Christ's invitation clear spoken.  
We seek the nourishment  
Found in fruit crushed and bread broken.  
Christ for us all!  
Come, let us answer the call,  
Offering our lives as the token.

## **VI. Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)**

God calls us from places of comfort and security.  
**We come, ready to listen and learn.**  
God calls us to faithfulness in this moment.  
**We come, trusting that God is already at work.**  
God calls us to courage, compassion, and community.  
**We come to worship and to follow where God leads.**  
**All: Let us worship God.**

## **VII. Children are Dismissed for Sunday School**

### **VIII. Scripture Reading Psalm 45:10-17 (NRSVUE) (Georgeanne Bennett)**

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;  
forget your people and your father's house,  
and the king will desire your beauty.  
Since he is your lord, bow to him;  
Daughter Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,  
the richest of the people with all kinds of  
wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-  
woven robes;  
in many-colored robes she is led to the king;  
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.  
With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;  
you will make them princes in all the earth.  
I will cause your name to be celebrated in all  
generations;  
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and  
ever.

## **IX. Scripture Reading Esther 4 (NRSVUE) (Georgeanne Bennett)**

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and

charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

**X. Sermon -- “Leaving the Palace” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)**

**XI. Song of Invitation – CH #452 “Here I Am, Lord” (Nancy Thompson)**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people  
cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their  
darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people  
in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for  
love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people  
in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor  
and lame  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people  
in my heart.

**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#403 “In Remembrance of Me” (Nancy Thompson)**

In remembrance of Me eat this bread  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
When God’s own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick  
In remembrance of me feed the poor  
In remembrance of me open the door  
And let your neighbor in, let them in

Take eat and be comforted  
Drink and remember too  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth  
In remembrance of me always love

In remembrance of me don’t look above  
But in your heart look for God  
Do this in remembrance of Me

**XVI. Institution of Communion (Barbara Poetker, 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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## Calendar for June 28-July 5, 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
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

### Tuesday

- 10:45 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 7 p.m. Church Board Hybrid meeting, Chapel and Zoom

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 5:30 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

### Friday—Church Office Closed

### Saturday—Independence Day

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