



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)



November 9th, 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 (Dave Hoppe)

- Today – Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following worship; 2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in the Spiritual Care Center
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- Wednesday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10; 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council meeting in Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at the Cozy Diner; 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; No Bible Study this week; 6 p.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council “United Against the Hate in the North State” Annual Dinner in Koinonia Hall-- registration is required if you wish to have dinner, link is on the back of the bulletin
- Saturday—10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10; 5 p.m. Chico Area Nondenominational Dance Org in Koinonia Hall
- Sunday – Annual Business meeting; After fellowship, Capital Campaign meeting, Room 6
- Stewardship Estimate of Giving Pledge Cards are in the pew racks and are due on Stewardship Sunday, November 16th.

- 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 #560 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (Nancy Thompson)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
 safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
 safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
 safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

VI. Call to Worship (Dave Hoppe)

Leader: O that our faith could be written and
 remembered for generations!

**People: We come to inscribe our trust in God
 upon our hearts.**

Leader: Job cried out from the depths of suffering,
 yet still proclaimed, “I know that my Redeemer
 lives.”

**People: When life tests us, we cling to that same
 living hope.**

Leader: Though our strength may fail and our bodies
 fade, God's promise endures forever.

**People: In our flesh, in our spirit, we shall see
 God!**

Leader: The Redeemer stands with us in every season—bringing life out of loss, and faith out of fear.

People: Our hearts faint within us, yet we will live faithfully, for our Redeemer lives!

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

VIII. Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (Laughing Bird) (Dave Hoppe)

We will declare you to be the greatest, God our king, and put your name up in lights forever.

Every day, without fail, we will sing your praises, we will honour your name now and forever.

You are wonderful, LORD; you deserve the highest praise,
and your greatness is more than we can comprehend.

Each generation tells the next what you have done, and speaks with awe about your accomplishments.

We will fill our minds with your splendour and glory, and with the stories of your amazing exploits.

Justice marks everything you do, LORD,
and generous love colours your every deed.

When honest hearts cry out to you, LORD,
you are right there alongside them.

You satisfy the desires of those who respect you;
you hear their cries and rescue them from death.

You watch out for those who love you, LORD,
and wipe out corruption when it threatens.

Your praises will be always on our lips, LORD, and
with all who live,
we will single out your name for the highest honour
forever and ever.

IX. Job 19: 25-26 (NRSVUE) (Dave Hoppe)

For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God

X. Sermon – “What Disciples Do: Live By Faith” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song Invitation – CH #546 “Amazing Grace!” (Nancy Thompson)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’d first begun.

XII. Moments for Mission

XIII. Prayers of the People

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#430 “Lo, I am with You” (Nancy Thompson)

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.

Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread
Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread

Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine
Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine
Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine.

XVI. Institution of Communion (Dave Hoppe, elder)

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIX. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

Christmas Flowers Once again, we will be decorating the Sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias and holiday flowers. Envelopes are in the pew racks. **Due to increased prices, the cost is \$14 this year. The last day to order is December 14th.**

- **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 for November 2nd, 2025

Online: 7 Sanctuary: 37 **Total: 44**

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Calendar for November 9th-16th, 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
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- 10:00 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- No BSA in Khall
- 6:00 p.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council “United Against Hate in the North State” Annual Dinner, Koinonia Hall. Registration required for dinner: <https://www.cbichico.org/event/unitedagainsthate>
- No Bible Study this week

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- Who’s Coming to Brunch, various locations
- 5:00 p.m. Chico Area Nondenominational Dance Org, Koinonia Hall

Next Sunday—Annual Business Meeting

- 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
- After Fellowship Capital Campaign meeting, Room 6
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary