



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

October 19th, 2025

Pastor Rev. Jesse Kearns

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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 (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Tuesday – 2 p.m. Disciple Women's Ministry meeting in Bethany; 7:00 p.m. Elders hybrid meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. PEO in Fireside; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jesse's friend Amber is offering Free Ayurvedic health consultations along with herbal teas and cooking herbs in the church office; 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 6:00 p.m. BSA Scouts Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 5:30 p.m. BSA Cub Pack 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside; 6:30 p.m. Jewish Festivals Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom
- Friday – 1 p.m. Healing Circle in Bethany
- Saturday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10
- Next Sunday – After Fellowship, the Capital Campaign committee in Room 6

- Stewardship Estimate of Giving Pledge Cards are in the pew racks and are due on Stewardship Sunday, November 16th.
- A donation box for CHAT's Everhart Village is under the tables near the bulletins in the Sanctuary. Please see your bulletin insert for more information.
- 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. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)

Sometimes faith feels like a struggle.

We hold on through the night, searching for a blessing.

Often God meets us not in comfort, but in struggle.

And in that moment, we are changed.

We may limp away, but we walk in the light of dawn.

We have seen God face to face, and we are still here—blessed and renewed.

VI. Opening Hymn – CH #280 “God Is Here” (Joshua Hegg)

God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, fount, and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!

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

VIII. Psalm 119:97-104 (Laughing Bird) (Barbara Poetker)

LORD, how I love your teachings!
I keep them in my thoughts all day long.

I'm able to stay a jump ahead of my enemies
because your guidance is always with me.

Studying your instructions has taught me far more
than I could ever learn from the best teachers.

Following your rules to the letter
has given me more wisdom than old age brings.

I steer clear of the paths of corruption
so that I can stick to the track you have set.

You have taught me well
and I won't dodge any of your directions.

Your words taste so sweet on my tongue,
they are like strawberries and cream!

Your commands have given me great understanding
and made me allergic to lies and corruption!

X. Scripture Reading Genesis 32:22-31 (NRSVUE) (Barbara Poetker)

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God

and with humans and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

XI. Sermon -- “What Disciples Do: Wrestle With God” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XII. Hymn of Reflection – CP #72 “Humble Thyself” (Joshua Hegg)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
And God will lift you up
Higher and higher.
And God will lift you up.

XIII. Moments for Mission

XIV. Prayers of the People (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

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.

XV. Response CH # 306 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace.
Amen.

XVI. Communion Song – CH #387 “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken” (Joshua Hegg)

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

**XVII. Institution of Communion (Joe Rogers,
elder)**

XVIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIX. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XX. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)



Chico Housing Action Team

Everhart Village Needs:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Bottled water
- Pantry staples with **long shelf lives**, such as:
 - **Soft** Granola bars
 - Ramen
 - Oatmeal
 - Snacks
 - Tea
 - Coffee

Everhart Village is an innovative shelter project collaboration between CHAT (Chico Housing Action Team) and Butte County Behavioral Health (BCBH). The village has sleeping cabins for 20 individuals who are existing BCBH clients and who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

A donation box for CHAT's Everhart Village is under the tables near the bulletins in the Sanctuary.

First Christian Church
295 E. Washington Avenue, Chico

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

NEW! SEW! NEW!

**Saturday, November 1, 2025
9 AM-1PM**

ARE YOU A QUILTER OR SEAMSTRESS?

Added to our Sewing Fantasy booth:

LARGE QUANTITY

of all types of fabric remnants.

If you are missing places to purchase
fabric in Chico, this is your chance to
find all you will need!

Selling all fabric for \$5/lb. - \$5 minimum
Cash * Credit/Debit * Checks
accepted

Annual Holiday Bazaar First Christian Church

November 1, 2025

9 am to 1 pm

Sewing Fantasy

Farmer's Market

Vintage Collectables

Country Kitchen

Opportunity Drawing

Children's Corner

Proceeds Support Community Outreach

Cash * Checks * Credit Cards Accepted
295 E. Washington Avenue Chico

2025 Disciples Women's Ministries Bazaar

Sat. November 1st, 2025 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Questions: Call Judy Brillhart 345-4663, Carolyn Driscoll 588-3869,
Barbara Poetker 487-3732

I would like to be involved in the Bazaar. I can work:

- ☐ Before— getting set up
- ☐ During the Bazaar
- ☐ Helping clean up

I am interested in the following booth, either work or providing items to sell:

- ☐ **Country Kitchen (Marie Grandeen)**
Baked goods, jams/jellies, gift kits (soup, cookies, etc.)
- ☐ **Farmer's Market (Carolyn Driscoll)**
Plants, produce, nuts, and related items
- ☐ **Sewing Fantasy (Diane Terrell & Lori Terrell-Adrian)**
Sewn, quilted, and knit items, handmade items (cards, scrubbies, baby items, bibs, etc.)
- ☐ **Vintage Collectibles (Cynthia Cantwell & Leslie Moore)**
Gently used dishes, vases, kitchen items, Christmas items, new items (with tags). NO furniture, books, clothing, or nonworking items
- ☐ **Opportunity Drawing (Peggy Davidson)**

Dining Room (Dave Hoppe)

- ☐ Decorating
- ☐ Serving and clean up
- ☐ Making pies (pumpkin or apple)

Cashiers (Nancy Thompson & Carolyn Hicks)

- ☐ Dining Room
- ☐ Main Room

Children's Corner (Hilary Erwin)

Crafts and projects to entertain the children

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Return by placing in offering plate, or mailing to the church office

- **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 October 12th, 2025

Attendance not taken

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Calendar for October 19th-26th, 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

- 2:00 p.m. Disciple Women's Ministry meeting, Bethany
- **7:00 p.m. Church Elders hybrid meeting, Zoom and Chapel**

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- 9:00 a.m. Free Ayurvedic Health Consultations, Church Office
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Bazaar Donations—Bring donations for the Bazaar on Sunday mornings, or during church office hours (Mon.-Thu., 8 am- 2:30 pm (lunch noon-1 pm); Friday operations are remote), or you can call Cynthia Cantwell at 530-514-0356. **The final day for donations is Wednesday, October 28th.**

Admin. Assistant Briony will be on vacation Oct.27-31st.