



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

April 19th, 2026

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 – (Dave Hoppe)

- Today – Fellowship will follow our worship service; Town Hall Meeting after Church in Fireside; Corning Sunday
- Monday – Faith in Films will be watching *Rental Family* in a location to be determined
- Tuesday – 10:45 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 2 p.m. Disciples Women’s Ministry will meet in Bethany; 7 p.m. Elders’ Hybrid Meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom
- Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. PEO NS Chapter meeting in Fireside; 7 p.m. Faith and Films will discuss *Rental Family* in Room 6 and on Zoom
- Thursday – No Worship Breakfast; Pastor Jesse at Annual Gathering in Concord
- Friday – 1 p.m. Healing Circle will meet in Bethany; 7 p.m. PEO YE Chapter International Dance and Desserts in Koinonia Hall
- Saturday – 9 a.m. PEO LE Chapter Birthday party for Jean Kirkendall in Fireside; Rev Sandi John will have a workshop called Cultivating a Steady Heart in Turbulent Times at Chico First

Baptist. More information, including how to register, is on the inserts in today's bulletins.

- 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. Call to Worship (Dave Hoppe)

God calls us to lives of faith, not just appearances.

We come to grow, to bear fruit, and to follow Christ.

God is at work among us, doing more than we can see.

We come open to what God is still creating in us.

With faith, even what seems impossible becomes possible.

We come trusting in God's power at work within us.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship with hope, with faith, and with open hearts.

V. Greeting One Another

VI. Opening Hymn – CH #226 “He Lives!” (Joshua Hegg)

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say.

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will
despair.

I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing will come at last.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and
sing

Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who
find;

None other is so loving, so good and kind.
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

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

**VIII. Scripture Reading Galatians 5:22-23
(NRSVUE) (Dave Hoppe)**

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

**IX. Scripture Reading Matthew 21:18-22
(NRSVUE) (Dave Hoppe)**

In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted

up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done. Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

X. Sermon -- "Be Fruitful" (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

**XI. Song of Invitation – CH #606 "God, Whose
Giving Knows No Ending" (Joshua Hegg)**

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,

And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

**XII. Moments for Mission: Cynthia and Gary
Cantwell**

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" (Joshua Hegg)**

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" (Joshua Hegg)**

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
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the
Living Bread of God

**XVI. Institution of Communion (Jean McKay,
elder)**

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

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

XIX. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)

Cultivating a Steady Heart in **Turbulent Times**

Experience a "taste" of Spiritual Direction

How do I know spiritual direction is for me?

You might find this practice lifegiving if you are

- ⇒ desiring to grow in your relationship with God/the Divine
- ⇒ a caretaker or leader who's seeking care for their own soul as well
- ⇒ deconstructing the faith, paradigms you were raised with
- ⇒ experiencing grief, loss or disappointment
- ⇒ navigating significant life transitions
- ⇒ discerning questions of vocation, calling or purpose



Brought to you by Sandi John of Soul Awakening

Choose from among these opportunities

Saturday, April 25 (10a-12n)

Wednesday, April 29 (1:00-3:00p)

Wednesday, April 29 (6:30-8:30p)

Chico First Baptist Church

850 Palmetto Ave. (Social Hall/Youth Room)

Register with Sandi by text or VM to (530) 965-2603 or
email revsandijohn@gmail.com

From this introductory experience, you may choose individual or group spiritual companionship. Depending on mutual interest, different groups may form who

- desire accompaniment in social action movements
- caregive or nurture others
- are experiencing a life transition



Rev. Sandi John has practiced the art of spiritual companionship since 2013, welcoming persons from all faith traditions and no faith tradition who wish to navigate the deep call of the Holy to live their true authentic selves. Sandi offers an integration of embodied spiritual practices, engaging in nature, and other holistic practices of body, mind, and spirit.

For a fuller bio, please see breadoflife.org.

- **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.

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Calendar for April 19th-26th, 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
- 11:00 a.m. FCC Corning Service
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- **After Church, Town Hall meeting, Fireside**
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, *Rental Family*, TBD

Tuesday

- 2:00 p.m. Disciple Women's Ministry, Bethany
- 10:45 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Elders' Hybrid Meeting, Chapel and Zoom

Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. PEO NS meeting, Fireside
- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films discussing *Rental Family*, Room 6 and Zoom

Thursday

- **No Worship Breakfast**
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

Friday

- 7:00 p.m. PEO YE International Dancing and Desserts, Koinonia Hall

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