



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

October 12th, 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 – (Nancy Thompson & Shelley Fairchild)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements (Carolyn Driscoll)

- 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 in Fireside
- Wednesday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at the Cozy Diner; 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom
- Saturday—10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Stewardship Estimate of Giving Pledge Cards are in the pew racks and are due on Stewardship Sunday, November 16th.
- A donation box CHAT's Everhart Village is in the entrance to 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. Opening Hymn – CH #699 “Rejoice the Lord is King” (Nancy Thompson)

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
The risen Christ adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's reign can never fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, our Judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home:
lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

VI. Call to Worship (Carolyn Driscoll)

Even in unfamiliar places, God calls us to plant and build.

We come, ready to put down roots in God's promise.

When life feels unsettled or uncertain, God says,
“Live fully where you are.”

Is that like “plan ahead, be flexible?”

Yes, that works too.

Then we come to live with faith, even in seasons of exile.

God sends us to seek the peace and well-being of the world around us.

We come to pray for our communities, knowing that in their peace, we will find our own.

Then let us worship the God who meets us wherever we are.

With open hearts, we worship the One who makes every place holy ground.

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

VIII. Psalm 137 (NRSVUE) (Carolyn Driscoll)

By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down, and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there
we hung up our harps.
For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

How could we sing the Lord’s song
in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy.

Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem’s fall,
how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down!
Down to its foundations!”
O daughter Babylon, you devastator!
Happy shall they be who pay you back

what you have done to us!
Happy shall they be who take your little ones
and dash them against the rock!

IX. Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (NRSVUE) (Carolyn Driscoll)

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

X. Sermon – “What Disciples Do: Plan Ahead, Be Flexible” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song Invitation – CP#55 “This is Holy Ground” (Nancy Thompson)

This is holy ground;
we’re standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is present,
and where God is, is holy.
This is holy ground;
we’re standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is present,
and where God is, is holy.

These are holy hands;
God’s given us holy hands.
God works through these hands,
and so these hands are holy.
These are holy hands;
God’s given us holy hands.
God works through these hands,
And so these hands are holy.
God works through these hands,
and so these hands are holy.

XII. Moments for Mission: Bazaar

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 #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 (Mary Kearns,
elder)**

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

**XIX. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson & Shelley
Fairchild)**



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 5th, 2025

Online: 10

In Person: 48

Total: 58

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Calendar for October 12th-19th, 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 am. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside

Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 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
- 5:30 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Koinonia Hall & Fireside
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and Zoom

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)

Next Sunday

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Bazaar Donations—Bring donations for the Bazaar on Sunday mornings, or during church office hours (Monday to Thursday, 8:00 am to 2:30 pm, with a lunch break from 12:00 pm to 1:00 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.