



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

August 10th, 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)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements (Jean McKay)

- Today -- Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following worship; after Fellowship, there will be a Bazaar planning meeting in Room 6
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters in Fireside
- Wednesday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Thursday – Pastor Jesse is out of town until the 22nd; No Worship Breakfast this week; No music practice this week; 6:30 p.m. Wisdom Literature Bible Study at Chico First Baptist and on their Zoom
- Friday—Deadline to submit articles to our monthly newsletter, *The Caller*
- Saturday— a.m. Back to School Day at Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Please see the back of your bulletins for the full calendar.
- Offerings may be put on the offering plate near the bulletins at the sanctuary's entrance.

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Nancy Thompson)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive our fear and doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Stars of morning take your part;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding those of tender heart
Ever singing, move we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

V. Call to Worship (Jean McKay)

The Lord comes to us this day. Are you ready?

We are ready!

The Lord challenges us to be in ministries of peace
and hope. Are you ready?

We are ready!

Let us praise God who calls us to serve God by
helping others.

**Praise be to God who has given us hope and
peace. AMEN.**

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

VII. Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (Laughing Bird) (Jean McKay)

You, LORD, are the mighty God.
Wherever the sun shines, from horizon to horizon,
you call the earth to attention.

From the spectacular beauty of your holy mountain,
you approach us in a blaze of glory.
You come with the full fanfare;
flashes of fire in front of you;
thunder storming all around you.

You call the earth and sky to sit as a jury,
and set out the charges against your people.

You call the accused:
those who swore their faithfulness to you,
and signed themselves to a binding alliance.

The whole universe honours you as the judge,
and affirms the honesty of your court.

We belong to you and you call us to listen.
You set out the case against us, your chosen people.
You are God; our God.

It is not our sacrifices you condemn;
the gifts we are constantly offering.

But you set us straight in no uncertain terms;
we have ignored you,
offering gifts instead of ourselves.
You warn us that when you pass sentence,
there is nowhere to make further appeal.

You are honoured when we express our gratitude,
not when we fob you off with gifts.
It is those who get back on the right track
who you lead into the land of freedom.

VIII. Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NRSVUE) (Jean McKay)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the
conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our
ancestors received approval. By faith we understand
that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so
that what is seen was made from things that are not
visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out
for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and
he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith
he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised,
as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and
Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.
For he looked forward to the city that has foundations,

whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

IX. Sermon – "What Faith Looks Like" (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Song Invitation – CH #21 "Let the Whole Creation Cry" (Nancy Thompson)

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!
"Glory to the Lord on high!" Alleluia!
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!
Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!

All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!
Prophets burning with God's word, Alleluia!
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!
Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!
Raise the anthem manifold, Alleluia!
Join with children's song of praise, Alleluia!
Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!

XI. Moments for Mission

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song – CH #357 “We Call Ourselves Disciples” (Nancy Thompson)

We call ourselves disciples as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ’s path
to clear.

In joyful expectation we see God’s reign draw near.

The cup and cross before us, proclaim our hope above,
The sign of our Redeemer, the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted, the cup poured out for
all.

When gathered at the table we hear our common call.

We’re baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless
fears,
We live with faith and purpose, creative through the
years.

We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,
To share the cup of water and bread with all in need;
To work till God’s compassion and righteousness
prevail,
Till all this planet’s people know justice without fail.

So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ
burns still

In hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
We go to do God’s mission! Christ, lead us all our
days!

XIV. Institution of Communion (Gary Cantwell, elder)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVII. 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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- **Deadlines:** Sunday Bulletin-Wednesdays, 10 am; Callerito weekly email-Thursday 10 am; Caller, monthly newsletter-15th at noon.

Attendance for August 3rd, 2025

Online: 8 Sanctuary: 38 Total: 46

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Calendar for August 10th-17th, 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
- **After Fellowship, Bazaar Planning Meeting, Room 6**
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Pastor Jesse out of town until August 22nd
- No Worship Team Breakfast
- No Music Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Wisdom Literature Bible Study, Chico First Baptist and on their Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Koinonia Hall & Fireside

Saturday—The Caller deadline

- 9:00 a.m. Back to School Day at Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)

Next Sunday—CHAT Presentation

- 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

Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force Handouts are available in the Sanctuary (next to the bulletins) and online at fccchico.com. Completed forms may be returned via the Sunday offering plate, email, or mail to the church office.