



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)



November 23rd, 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. Connor Story's Baptism

From the time of the apostles, people have become disciples of Jesus by confessing that Jesus is God's messiah - the Lord and Savior of the world. In obedience to Christ's command and in likeness to Christ's example, they have been baptized.

People: Today, we receive this new disciple into God's church.

Through baptism, we are brought into union with Christ, with each other, and with the church of every time and place.

People: Through baptism we are buried with Christ, that we, like him, may be raised from the dead to walk in newness of life.

Through baptism into Christ, God graces us with the gift of the Holy Spirit to forgive our sins and to clothe us with God's own righteousness, and strengthen us all our days.

People: Through baptism into Christ, we gain a new identity as sons and daughters of God, and receive a new life-purpose of Christlike ministry by word and deed.

Let us each remember and rejoice in our own baptism as we join in receiving this new disciple into the church.

III. Ringing of the Bell

IV. Welcome and Announcements (Maxwell Erwin)

- Today – Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following worship; After Fellowship, Capital Campaign meeting in Room 6; 3 p.m. Decorating the Sanctuary party; Printed Advent Devotionals are available on the tables near the bulletins.
- Tuesday – 10:45 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4
- Wednesday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Thursday – Thanksgiving; Church Office Closed; No Worship Team Breakfast
- Friday – Church Office Closed; 1 p.m. Healing Circle in Bethany
- Saturday—10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10; 7 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva Prayer Vigil in the Chapel

- Sunday – Hanging of the Greens! The First Sunday of Advent. The Elders will host a special fellowship with a candy cane hunt and cookie decorating for the children.
- 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

V. Greeting One Another

VI. Opening Hymn –CH #91 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (Nancy Thompson)

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

O sinners, who can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all;
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

VII. Call to Worship (Maxwell Erwin)

Leader: Come with thankful hearts, for God has made
us heirs of the saints in the light.

**People: God has rescued us and brought us into
the kingdom of the beloved Son.**

Leader: In Christ, all things are held together; in
Christ, all things are reconciled.

**All: Let us worship the One in whom the fullness
of God dwells.**

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

IX. Psalm 46 (Laughing Bird) (Maxwell Erwin)

Our refuge, our shelter, our fortress, our security;
you are all these things to us, God.
You are always there for us when we need you.

Because of you, we will not panic
even if our world comes crashing down around our
ears;
even if the earth splits open beneath us;
even if chaos pours in like a raging flood;
even if life as we know it goes up in smoke.

You are the LORD of cosmic power — the God of
our ancestors —
our safety, our refuge.

A river flowing with life-giving water runs through your
holy city
bringing joy and peace to your sacred home.
You are the most high God, and the city where you live
will rest secure and greet the new day with confidence.

The world may be in chaos, nations tearing apart at the
seams,
but when you speak, the earth sinks to its knees.

You are the LORD of cosmic power — the God of
our ancestors —
our safety, our refuge.

What you have done is a sight for sore eyes, LORD;
you have left a trail of destruction across the earth:
weapons of war crushed and burned;
implements of fear smashed to pieces;
conflicts and wars closed down for good.

You call us to a peaceful calm
and invite us to know you as God.
You stand supreme above the nations,
unmatched in all the earth.

You are the LORD of cosmic power — the God of
our ancestors —
our safety, our refuge.

X. Colossians 1:11-20 (NRSVUE) (Maxwell Erwin)

May you be made strong with all the strength that
comes from his glorious power, so that you may have
all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to
the Father, who has enabled you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued
us from the power of darkness and transferred us into
the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of
all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things
hold together. He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so
that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to
dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile
to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

XI. Sermon – “What Disciples Do: Live for Jesus” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XII. Song Invitation – CH #354 “Seek Ye First” (Nancy Thompson)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And God’s righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

**XIII. Moments for Mission: Thanksgiving
Special Offering**

XIV. Prayers of the People

**XV. 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.

**XVI. Communion Song—CH #714 “For the Fruit
of All Creation” (Nancy Thompson)**

For the fruit of all creation,
Thanks be to God;
For good gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God’s will is done;
In the help we give our neighbor,

God’s will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

**XVII. Institution of Communion (Barbara
Poetker, elder)**

XVIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIX. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XX. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

November 16th, Annual Business Meeting Voting Results

The 2026 slate of Church Leaders was approved by majority vote. A total of 38 ballots were cast—six electronically and 32 in person.

- Moderator-Maxwell Erwin
- Vice-Moderator-Cynthia Cantwell
- Secretary-Carolyn Driscoll
- Treasurer-Nancy Thompson
- Congregational Life Ministry Leader-Peggy Davidson
- Outreach Ministry Leader-Georgia Nelson
- Administrative Ministry Leader– Georgeanne Bennett
- Member At Large-Leslie Moore
- Financial Secretary-Georgeanne Bennett;
- Assistant Financial Secretary-Carolyn Driscoll;
- Personnel Committee- (3-year term, ending 12/31/28)-Lori Terrell-Adrian
- Endowment Trustees (3-year term, ending 12/31/28)-Carolyn Hicks
- Elders (2-year term, ending 12/31/27)- Barbara Poetker, Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Jean McKay, Georgeanne Bennett, Bill Peterson

- **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 9th, 2025

Online: 9	Sanctuary: 57	Total: 66
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Calendar for November 23rd-30th, 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 Capital Campaign meeting, Room 6 (please note this was incorrectly listed for Nov. 16th last week)**
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- **3:00 p.m. Decorating the Sanctuary**

Tuesday

- 10:45 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4

Wednesday

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

Thursday—Happy Thanksgiving; Church Office Closed

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- 5:30 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Koinonia Hall & Fireside

Friday—Church Office Closed

- 1 pm Healing Circle, Bethany

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 7:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva Prayer Vigil, Chapel

Next Sunday—Hanging of the Greens; 1st Sunday of Advent

- 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
- **Special Fellowship hosted by Elders with a candy cane hunt and cookie decorating for children, in Koinonia Hall**
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

December Caller is available on our website fccchico.com/newsletter and in the sanctuary on the tables near the bulletins.