



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

August 30, 2026

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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 – (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Welcome to everyone here in the sanctuary, on Facebook and Zoom
- Today –Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service; **After Fellowship, Capital Campaign meeting in Room 6**
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4
- Saturday – 5 p.m. Chico Area Dance Group, Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- **Next Sunday – 2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group begins in Spiritual Care Center**
- The September edition of our monthly newsletter, *The Caller* is available on our website and paper copies are on the tables near the bulletins.
- Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force are next to the bulletins, and may be put in the collection plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to the church.

- 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 #27 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Nancy Thompson)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all
creation.

O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and
salvation.

All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,

Who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
Granted by in what God ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee.

Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend
thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and
restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before
thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and
races,
All that has life and breath, give thanks for manifold
graces.

Let the Amen sound from God's people again.
Gladly forever sing praises.

VI. Responsive Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)

We come before God as we are—not as we pretend
to be.

**We come trusting that God is still transforming
us.**

God calls us away from the patterns that shape us and
toward a new way of living.

**Teach us the way of love, mercy, peace, and
grace.**

Where there is hatred, may we become people who
bless.

**Where there is division, may we become people
who make peace.**

Where there is fear, may we become people of hope.
Where there is suffering, may we become people of compassion.

Where there is evil, may we not be overcome by it.
May we overcome evil with good.

Come, Holy Spirit. Renew our minds and transform our hearts.

All: Make us more like Jesus, and make us a people who embody your love. Amen.

VII. Children are Dismissed for Sunday School

VIII. First Scripture Reading Matthew 5:3-12 (NRSVUE) (Georgeanne Bennett)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

IX. Second Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-21 (NRSVUE) (Georgeanne Bennett)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is

noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

X. Sermon -- “Pretending or Becoming” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song of Invitation – CH #713 “God of Our Life” (Nancy Thompson)

God of our life, through all the circling year, we trust
in you;
in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your
hand we view.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own your mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us
abide.
Lead us by faith, to hope’s true Promised Land; be
now our guide.
With you to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith’s fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we
follow you;
when we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our
faith renew.
Be now for us in life our daily bread,
our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.

XII. Moments for Mission

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” (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 #495 “Weave” x2
(Nancy Thompson)**

Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together with unity and love
Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together with love

**XVI. Institution of Communion (Mary Kearns,
elder)**

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

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

XIX. Postlude (Nancy Thompson)

**Chico PEO Chapter NS
invites you to join us for
BUNCO**

**Saturday, Sept. 19th, 2026
10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

First Christian Church

295 E. Washington Ave., Chico

Admission \$20 per person

Includes lunch

RSVP Required

**Please RSVP by email to dncdriscoll@att.net or
by phoning Carolyn Driscoll at 530-588-3869**

*Invite a friend and join us for a fun morning with
fellow bunco players, a delicious lunch and great prizes.*

- **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: August 23, 2026

Sanctuary: 55

Online: 10

Total: 65

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Calendar for August 30-September 6, 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](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- **After Fellowship, Capital Campaign meeting, Room 6**
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Wednesday

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
- 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

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