

God Promises



New Life

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**



January 18th, 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 (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Today – Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Monday—The Church Office will be closed in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day; 7 p.m. Faith in Films will be watching *Nuremberg* in a location to be determined
- Tuesday – 10:45 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 2 p.m. Disciple Women’s Ministry in Bethany; 7 p.m. Elders’ Hybrid Meeting in Chapel and on Zoom
- Wednesday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 6:00 p.m. BSA Scouts Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside; 7 p.m. Faith in Films will discuss *Nuremberg*, in Room 6 and on Zoom
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- Saturday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 10 a.m. Elders’ Workshop/training in Fireside; 5 p.m. Chico Dance Group in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- Next Sunday – After Fellowship, the Capital Campaign committee in Room 6; 1:30 p.m. Tom Orendorff and Monica Mollica will have a private wedding ceremony in the Chapel
- New Church Family Directories are on the tables near the bulletins in the Sanctuary
- 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. Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)

Jesus comes to the river, not in power, but in humility.

We come with open hearts.

God calls him Beloved and is well pleased.

We come to hear that love spoken again.

Let us worship the God who meets us in the waters.

VI. Opening Hymn – CH #371 “Wade in the Water” (Joshua Hegg)

See that host all dressed in white,
God’s gonna trouble the water;
The leader looks like the Isrealite,
God’s gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water,
Wade in the water,
Children, wade in the water,
God’s gonna to trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red,
God’s gonna trouble the water;
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God’s gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water,
Wade in the water,
Children, wade in the water,
God’s gonna to trouble the water.

Look over yonder, what do I see?
God’s gonna trouble the water;
The Holy Ghost acoming on me,
God’s gonna to trouble the water.

Wade in the water,
Wade in the water,
Children, wade in the water,
God's gonna to trouble the water.

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's gonna trouble the water;
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's gonna to trouble the water.

Wade in the water,
Wade in the water,
Children, wade in the water,
God's gonna to trouble the water.

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

VIII. Psalm 40:1-11 (Laughing Bird) (Georgeanne Bennett)

I hung in there waiting for you, LORD,
and at last you bent down and heard my cry.

I was in deep trouble,
bogged up to my ears and sinking fast,
but you pulled me out.
You put me back on solid ground;
gave me a safe place to stand.

You gave me something to sing about, God;
I'm singing your praises like I've never sung before.

Everyone will be amazed at the change;
they'll say, "Only God could have done that!"

Those who put all their eggs in your basket
have got it made, LORD;
those who do not devote themselves to anything less,
no matter how popular or persuasive it is.

You are in a league of your own, LORD God;
nothing and no one comes within a bull's roar of you!
I can't keep track of all the amazing things you've done
or all the generous plans you've made for us.
I could talk about them till the cows came home
and still have barely scratched the surface.

You are not looking for gifts from us, LORD;
nothing we own is any use to you;
Your generosity and mercy are not for sale;
but you have given us ears and asked us to listen.

So I am giving you my "Yes!"
I'll make your book my own and live by it.
Doing what pleases you will be my greatest delight,
for you are my God and I'm taking your ways to heart.

When all your people gathered,
I spoke up about how you had bailed me out.
I gave them the full story; I left nothing out;
you know this is true, LORD.

I have made no secret of the help you gave me;
I have put it all out in the open.
I have told everyone how you saved my life
and how we can trust you completely.
I have put it all on the public record
and kept nothing to myself
about your rock-solid love or dependability.

Be my mother forever, LORD;
never running out of tenderness or compassion;
your loyalty fierce and your love unshakable;
protecting me and keeping me safe.

IX. Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSVUE) (Georgeanne Bennett)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan,
to be baptized by him. John would have prevented
him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do
you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be
so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all
righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus
had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,

suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw
God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on
him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my
Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

X. Sermon -- “A Promise of New Life” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Hymn of Reflection – CH #367 “Take Me to the Water” (Joshua Hegg)

Take me to the water,
take me to the water,
Take me to the water to be baptized.

None but the righteous,
None but the righteous,
None but the righteous shall see God.

I love Jesus,
I love Jesus,
I love Jesus, yes, I do.

He’s my Savior,
He’s my Savior,
He’s my Savior, yes, he is.

XII. Moments for Mission

XIII. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

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 #386 "We Come as Guests Invited" (Joshua Hegg)

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single, fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given
by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

XVI. Institution of Communion (Mary Kearns, elder)

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIX. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)

- **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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