



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

August 24th, 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 (Tom Shifflet)

- Today -- Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following worship
- Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. PEO, Fireside; 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique in Room 10
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 10:00 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4
- Saturday—10:00 a.m. 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 #90 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (Nancy Thompson)

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ we bring:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice,

Before his throne rejoice;
Praise we with grateful choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our Guide and Friend
On whom we can depend;
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

V. Call to Worship (Tom Shifflet)

In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our
refuge.

God is our mighty fortress and shield.

In God's strength we shall be healed.

In God's love we shall witness the Good News.

Come, let us worship God, grateful for God's
wondrous power.

**Open our hearts, Lord, that we might truly
become bearers of peace and justice.
AMEN.**

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

VII. Psalm 71:1-6 (Laughing Bird) (Tom Shifflet)

I run to you for protection, LORD,
please don't ever let me down.

You always do the right thing,
so please be there for me when I need you.
Hear me when I call for help
and step in quickly to bail me out.

Keep me safe when I need somewhere to hide.
You are like a mountain hideaway to me;
like a bunker than nothing can blast open.

If I fall into hostile hands,
be my God and rescue me;
Don't let the callous and cruel
get their claws into me.

You are my only hope,
the only one I can depend on, LORD;
I've trusted you since I was a kid.

I've leaned on you for support
since the day I was born.
You were the midwife who delivered me from my
mother's womb,
the safe hands who pulled me gasping into life.
I'll never stop thanking you for that!

VIII. Luke 13:10-17 (NRSVUE) (Tom Shifflet)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And

ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

IX. Sermon – “Faith and Opposition” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Song Invitation – CH #561 “It Is Well With My Soul” (Nancy Thompson)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.

May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.

XI. Moments for Mission

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song –CH #526 “The Gift of Love” (Nancy Thompson)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Mary Kearns, elder)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)



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 August 17th, 2025

Attendance Not Taken

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Calendar for August 24th-31st, 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

Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. PEO, Fireside
- 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

Saturday

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Sunday, September 7th, 10:30 a.m. Worship and Potluck at Chico First Baptist (850 Palmetto Avenue)