



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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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 “People Get Ready” (Upbeats)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Georgia Nelson)

- Welcome to everyone here in the sanctuary, on Facebook and Zoom
- Today –Our Fellowship is in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Wednesday –10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; No Music Practice; 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- Saturday – 10 a.m. Memorial Service for Wanda Story in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in Koinonia Hall; 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10
- Sunday –World Communion Sunday; Joint Service with Chico First Baptist Church here at FCC. Chico First Baptist will provide most of fellowship, and we are asking our congregation to help by bringing cookies; 2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart, in Spiritual Care Center

- 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. **Our congregational meeting where we will vote for next year's leaders will be Sunday, November 15th.**
- 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 – “Beat on the Drum” (Upbeats)

I want to sing when the praises are sung,
Pull on the rope when the bell's to be rung,
Turn up the volume, and beat on the drum.
I want to be the one that the noise comes from,
I want to be the one that the noise comes from.

Beat on the drum, I want to tell the world.
Beat on the drum, I want to tell the world.
Beat on the drum, I want to tell the world.
Beat on the drum, I want to tell the world.
Beat on the drum, I want to tell the world.
That Jesus is alive and is living in me.
That Jesus is alive and is living in me.

I want to jump up and dance around
Pick up my feet way off the ground
Shouting it out that the spirit abounds
I want to be the one that the noise comes from.
I want to be the one that the noise comes from.

Beat on the drum, I want to tell the world.
Beat on the drum, I want to tell the world.
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That Jesus is alive and is living in me.
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VI. Responsive Call to Worship (Georgia Nelson)

When the journey is long and the way is uncertain,
People: God is with us.

When we are weary, frustrated, and afraid,
People: God hears our cries.

Even when our faith falters and our patience runs
thin,

People: God's faithfulness does not fail.

God meets us in the wilderness and provides what we
need.

**People: We come trusting in God's abundant
grace.**

Come, let us worship the God who journeys with us.

People: Let us worship God together. Amen.

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

**VIII. First Scripture Reading Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
(Laughing Bird) (Georgia Nelson)**

We are keen to learn of you, LORD;
your people are eager to hear what you have to
say.

We listen to those who pass on the old stories;
the dark mysteries of ancient wisdom.
These are things we must hear and know,
for the wisdom of our ancestors must not be
lost.

We will not deprive our children of these things.
We will pass on the stories to the next
generation, LORD,
stories of the wonderful things you have done,
so that they know how great and amazing you
are.

Our ancestors saw the miraculous things you did
when they were still doing hard labour in the
land of slavery.

You cut a track through the sea and let them escape;
you made the angry waters stand aside to let
them through.

You sent a cloud to guide them in the daytime,
and a fire to light the way for them at night.
In the parched outback, you broke open rocks,
bringing drinking water flooding up from deep
below.
You made fresh water pour from the rock;
a river of life flowing in the desert.

**IX. Second Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7
(NRSVUE) (Georgia Nelson)**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of
the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord
commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there
was no water for the people to drink. The people
quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to
drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel
with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people
thirsted there for water, and the people complained
against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of
Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with
thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I
do for this people? They are almost ready to stone
me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the
people and take some of the elders of Israel with you;
take in your hand the staff with which you struck the
Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you

on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

**X. Sermon -- “You Get What You Deserve”
(Rev. Jesse Kearns)**

XI. Song of Invitation – CP # 5 “Day and Night” (Upbeats)

Shadows all around me,
and starless is my night.
And now that love has found me
I’ll be livin’ in the light.

Day and night shine a bright, bright light;
Bright be the light of God.
Day and night shine a bright, bright, light;
Bright be the light of God.

Waitin’ for the sunrise
To come and fill the sky.
I can see the sunshine
When I look into your eyes
Day and night shine a bright, bright light;

Bright be the light of God.
Day and night shine a bright, bright, light;
Bright be the light of God.

We are walkin’ in the light of God,
We are walkin’ in the light of God.
We are walkin’ in the light of God,
We are walkin’ in the light of God.

Day and night shine a bright, bright light;
Bright be the light of God.
Day and night shine a bright, bright, light;
Bright be the light of God.

Day and night shine a bright, bright light;
Bright be the light of God.
Day and night shine a bright, bright, light;
Bright be the light of God.

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. Communion Song – “Peace in our Hearts” (Upbeats)

We’re gonna walk together arm in arm with peace in
our hearts,
We’re gonna walk together arm in arm with peace in
our hearts,
Gonna walk together arm in arm so our sisters and
brothers won’t come to any harm.
We know we got peace in our hearts.

Gonna walk with every color and tribe with peace in
our hearts,
Gonna walk with every color and tribe with peace in
our hearts,
Gonna walk with every color and tribe cause we’re
stronger together when we’re on the same side.
We know we got peace in our hearts.

We’re gonna stare into the face of the hateful mind,
with peace in our hearts.
We’re gonna stare into the face of the hateful mind,
with peace in our hearts.
We’re gonna stare into the face of the hateful mind.
All we gotta do is let our love light shine. We
know we got peace in our hearts.

We’re gonna walk together arm in arm with peace in
our hearts,
We’re gonna walk together arm in arm with peace in
our hearts,
Gonna walk together arm in arm so our sisters and
brothers won’t come to any harm.
We know we got peace in our hearts.

XV. Institution of Communion (Barbara Poetker, elder)

XVI. Partaking Communion Together

XVII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVIII. Postlude “Plowshare Prayer” (Upbeats)

2026 Reconciliation Ministry

SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, September 27th - Sunday, October 4th



Beyond Restoration: Hope in Action

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to God's people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts. Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Psalm 85:6-11



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Beyond Restoration – Hope in Action

Psalm 85:6-11

Psalm 85 is a communal prayer for hope in action. The Psalmist cries out for restoration, revival, and forgiveness. God moves beyond the request to the promise of listening, love, faithfulness, and wholeness that changes the landscape. The faithful are called to action that goes beyond restoration to create new life, bolder ministries, and spaces of flourishing. The fulfillment of God's vision includes relationships and ministries where love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss each other. Hope is at work when "faithfulness springs up from the ground" and God's character is reflected in creation.

Hope is active in our ministries. People in search of beloved community have found it in our churches. Students have discovered it in our ministries. Through partnerships, we are taking action to build a culture of hope beyond lines and labels to do the transformative work of justice. Our special offering is not just a token of support for a distant hope and an impossible vision but a declaration that it is possible for righteousness, the meaning of justice in Hebrew, to order our actions and our relationships, and for God to get what God wants in our communities.

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations on the last Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Celebrated together, World Communion Sunday and the Reconciliation Ministry Offering, are a celebration of our essential unity and our living hope. Beyond a confrontation of our lingering differences and need for restoration, our hope is active through the gift of unity we receive at the table and the gifts we dare to share for the wholeness of the world. Half of each gift remains in the region from which it is sent.

Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide education, programming, and service through grants to:

- 1) General Ministries working across the whole church to embody hope in action.
- 2) Congregations, camps, and conferences that receive a grant from their region that are actively developing and implementing programs that dismantle racism and build beloved community.

This year, you're invited to make a gift to the **2026 Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering**. With your crucial support, leaders and congregations are being equipped to take action to not just restore broken systems and relations but to build justice-making programs, courageous relationships, and hopeful communities in this time and this season.

Thank you for being a beacon of hope and an agent of reconciliation through your generosity.

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- **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: September 20, 2026
Sanctuary: 40 Online: 11 Total: 51

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Calendar for the Upcoming Week

Sunday September 27

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on Zoom
- 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center

Wednesday September 30

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
- 5:30 p.m. Shalom Free Clinic Board meeting, Chapel
- 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

Thursday October 1

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 10 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

Saturday October 3

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10

Sunday October 4-Joint Worship with Chico First Baptist

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on Zoom
- 10 a.m. **Joint Worship with Chico First Baptist** in Sanctuary & Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center