



Law and the Last Frontier



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 – “I Will Bless Thee, O Lord” with
“Great Is the Lord” (Barbara McElroy)**

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Georgia Nelson)

- Today – Welcome to Chico First Baptist! Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters in Fireside; No Church Board meeting until next month
- Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council meeting in Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner, 6:30 p.m. Bible study in Room 6 and on Zoom
- Saturday – Deadline to submit articles to our monthly newsletter, *The Caller*
- Next Sunday—Corning Sunday, FCC Corning’s service begins at 11 a.m.
- 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—there are separate plates for FCC and Chico First Baptist

IV. Greeting One Another

V. Opening Hymn – CH #21 “Let the Whole Creation Cry” (Barbara McElroy)

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!
“Glory to the Lord on high!” Alleluia!
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!
Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!

All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!
Prophets burning with God’s word, Alleluia!
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!
Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!
Raise the anthem manifold, Alleluia!
Join with children’s song of praise, Alleluia!
Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!

VI. Responsive Call to Worship – (Georgia Nelson)

We come from different places, carrying different
stories, but we are all invited by God's grace.
**In Christ there is room for everyone who calls
upon the name of the Lord.**

The world often tells us to earn our worth and prove
ourselves.

**God reminds us that salvation is a gift, received
through faith.**

We gather not because we have kept every rule,
**But because Christ has fulfilled God's promise
for us.**

Let us open our hearts to God's transforming grace.
**Let us worship the One who calls us together as
one family in Christ. Amen.**

VII. Children are Dismissed for Sunday School

VIII. First Scripture Reading Isaiah 52:7-12 (NRSVUE) (Georgia Nelson)

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces
peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of it; purify yourselves,
you who carry the vessels of the Lord.
For you shall not go out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight,
for the Lord will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

IX. Second Scripture Reading Romans 10:5-15 (NRSVUE) (Georgia Nelson)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

X. Sermon -- “Law and the Last Frontier” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song of Invitation – CH #458 “Ours the Journey” (Barbara McElroy)

In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering their sep’rate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving peoples,
warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Though we reach the highest heavens,
holding worlds at our command,
we are yet a desert people
searching for the promised land.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit,
resurrect the church again.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Moments for Mission

XII. 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.

XIII. Response CH # 306 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (Barbara McElroy)

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace.
Amen.

**XIV. Communion Song –CH #403 “In
Remembrance of Me” (Barbara McElroy)**

In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
When God’s own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your neighbor in, let them in

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don’t look above
But in your heart look for God
Do this in remembrance of Me

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

XVI. Partaking Communion Together

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

**XVIII. Postlude—“In Christ There Is No East
or West” (Barbara McElroy)**

- **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 2, 2026

Online: 11 Sanctuary: 42 **Total: 53**

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Calendar for August 9-16, 2026

Sunday—Joint Worship with Chico First Baptist!

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Joint Worship with Chico First Baptist Church in FCC's Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) & [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside

Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council meeting, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and [Zoom](#)

Saturday—*The Caller* newsletter deadline

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

Sunday—Corning Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) & [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Corning FCC service begins, 1421 Marin St, Corning
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary