



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

October 4, 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 – (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

- Welcome to Chico First Baptist and 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; 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4; 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- Saturday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 10:30 a.m. Accepting Life's Subtractions will meet in the Fireside Room – please see your bulletin inserts for more information
- Sunday –2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart, in Spiritual Care Center; 2 p.m. a new group is meeting at First Baptist Church at 2 p.m. where there will be an immigrant's testimony of life in a Detention Center and there will be prayer for the oppressed and for seeking God's love and wisdom while serving the Least of These. See the Calendar for more RSVP information.
- 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—there are separate plates for FCC and Chico First Baptist

IV. Greeting One Another

**V. Opening Hymn –CH #687 “In Christ, There Is No East or West”
(Joshua Hegg)**

In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one community of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev’rywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate’er your race may be;
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west
In him meet south and north;
All loving hearts are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

VI. Responsive Call to Worship (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

From different congregations and different traditions, we gather in the name of
Christ.

People: Though we are many, we are one in Christ.

Around the world, Christians gather today to share the bread and the cup.

People: At Christ’s Table, there is room for everyone.

Let us set aside the things that divide us and celebrate the love that unites us.

People: Together, let us worship God!

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

VIII. First Scripture Reading Psalm 80:7-15 (Laughing Bird) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

Come and smile on us again, God;
breathe life back into us and save us.

Remember how you brought us out of Egypt like a young grapevine,
so that you could plant your own vineyard.
You cleared the land and prepared the soil;
you planted our roots deep and we grew strongly.

We grew wide and high, bigger than the tallest trees,
even shading the mountains.
Your vineyard grew and grew till it filled the land
from the western ocean to the eastern river.

So why have you torn down the security fence,
so that anyone can tramp through and pinch the fruit?
Wild pigs rampage through doing untold damage;
feral goats and rabbits eat whatever's left.

Come on, God! You rule over everything. Do something!
Turn around and look at what's going on.
This vine came from root stock you planted yourself;
take charge of its welfare again.

IX. Second Scripture Reading Philippians 3:4-14 (NRSVUE) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

X. Sermon -- “One Table” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song of Invitation –CH #344 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (Joshua Hegg)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?
No turning back, No turning back.

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 –CH #393 “One Bread, One Body” (Joshua Hegg)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

XV. Institution of Communion (Marty Brandstatt, CFBC elder; Georgia Nelson, FCC elder)

XVI. Affirmation of Faith

We come from different traditions, yet we gather around one table. Whom do we follow?

People: We follow Jesus Christ, who reveals God's love and calls us to love one another.

What unites us in our faith?

People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of all.

What is our calling as the church?

People: To proclaim God's grace, to seek justice, to welcome the stranger, and to serve our neighbors in love.

And what do we affirm at this table?

All: That we belong to Christ and to one another. Though we are many, we are one body, sharing one bread and one cup. May our unity be made visible in the way we love and serve the world. Amen.

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIX. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)



Journeys of the Heart

Accepting Life's Subtractions

We all experience loss of things as we age:
Some hearing, vision, taste, smell, mobility,
ability to drive, garden, exercise, perhaps our
home and the memories it holds....

Each of those losses produces some grief and it all
adds up.

Our own Rev. Ch. Mary Kearns has agreed to lead this
workshop to help us learn how to accept the losses
and grief.

Please let Nancy Thompson know if you plan to
attend so we know how many chairs to set up.

When: Saturday, October 10, 10:30 am

Where: Fireside Room

What: Workshop with a potluck brunch

Who: *Everyone!*

RSVP: Nancy Thompson, 530-342-3772,
nancyk.thompson@att.net



Annual Holiday Bazaar First Christian Church

November 7, 2026
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

2026 Disciples Women's Ministries Bazaar

Sat. November 7, 2026, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Questions: Call Carolyn Driscoll 588-3869, Barbara Poetker 487-3732,
Judy Brillhart 345-4663

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 (Barbara Poetker)**

Gently used dishes, vases, kitchen items, Christmas items, new items (with tags). NO furniture, books, clothing, or nonworking items

☐ **Opportunity Drawing (Carolyn Driscoll)**

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 (TBD)**

Crafts and projects to entertain the children

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Return by placing in offering plate, or mailing to the church office

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 27, 2026

Attendance not taken

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Calendar for the Upcoming Week

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

Wednesday October 7

- 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 8

- 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 10

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
- 10:30 a.m. Accepting Life's Subtractions Workshop, Fireside (see insert)

Sunday October 11

- 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
- 2 p.m. New Group at Chico First Baptist Church; RSVP to by texting Sandi (530) 965-2603 or Candy (760) 716-5268