

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 (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Georgeanne Bennet)

- Welcome to everyone here in the sanctuary, on Facebook, and on Zoom
- Today – **Corning Sunday! Corning FCC's service begins at 11 a.m., and they are located at 1421 Marin St. in the Fellowship Hall at the back of the church**
- Our Fellowship is in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Tuesday 2 p.m. Disciple Women's Ministry will meet in the Fireside room—all women of the church are welcome!; 7 pm Elders Hybrid meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom
- Wednesday –10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council meeting in Fireside; 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; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Chapel and on Zoom.
- Friday – 1 p.m. The Healing Circle will meet in Bethany; this group is for church members with chronic illness, stress, and for caregivers
- Saturday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10
- Next Sunday – After fellowship, there will be a capital campaign meeting in Room 6; 3 p.m. Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent party 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. Opening Hymn –TOG #19 "Let It Shine" (Joshua Hegg)

Let it shine let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine let it shine
And show us peace today

The church bears witness to God's grace
Its mission crystal clear
To show the world God's human face
A world that God holds dear

Let it shine let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine let it shine
And show us peace today

When love replaces human greed
A lasting peace will come
As hands reach out to human need
From hearts no longer numb

Let it shine let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine let it shine
And show us peace today

Now let us give ourselves to God
Within this war-torn world
And work till justice walks abroad
With flags of peace unfurled

Let it shine let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine let it shine
And show us peace today

VI. Responsive Call to Worship (Georgeanne Bennett)

Leader: God has entrusted us with gifts, opportunities, and possibilities.

People: May we recognize the blessings already in our care.

Leader: Sometimes fear keeps us from taking chances.

People: Give us courage to step forward in faith.

Leader: Sometimes we worry so much about what we might lose that we forget what we have to offer.

People: Help us use our gifts with wisdom, generosity, and love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to faithful living!

All: Let us worship God!

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

VIII. First Scripture Reading Psalm 123 (Laughing Bird) (Georgeanne Bennett)

It is to you that we look for help, LORD;
to you who rules from the throne of heaven!

When people are injured,
they look to the doctors for help;
when they lie in hospital,
they look to the nurses for compassion;
and in the same way
we look to you, the LORD our God:
we depend on your kindness and care.

Treat us with compassion, LORD, treat us with compassion.
We've endured more than our fair share of contempt.

We have had an absolute gutful
of being put down by the arrogant
and treated like dirt by those who've got it easy.

IX. Second Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSVUE) (Georgeanne Bennett)

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I

knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

X. Sermon -- "Don't Bury It" (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song of Invitation – CH #455 "You Have Called Me" (Joshua Hegg)

You have called me from my hiding place and given me a name;
From this moment on my life can never be the same.
I have seen the beckoning vision, though I wanted to remain,
Here I am, send me, here I am.

"Who will go into the darkness where my people live in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them can hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am."

You have called me from my wilderness and given me a way.
The many paths I've traveled have but brought me to this day.
And the journey that is calling me no longer will delay.
Here I am, send me, here I am.

"Who will go into the darkness where my people live in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them can hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am."

You have called me from my silence and have given me a word.
I was dying in my coldness till a fire within me stirred.
Now I can keep still no longer, I must speak what I have heard.
Here I am, send me, here I am

"Who will go into the darkness where my people live in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them can hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am."

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 #413 "Take Our Bread" (Joshua Hegg)

Take our bread, we ask you
Take our hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

Yours as we stand at the table you set
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you
Take our hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

Your holy people standing washed in your blood
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best that we could
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you
Take our hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

XV. Institution of Communion (Bill Peterson, elder)

XVI. Partaking Communion Together

XVII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVIII. 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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- **Deadlines:** Sunday Bulletin-Wednesdays, 10 am; Callerito weekly email-Thursday 10 am; Caller, monthly newsletter-15th at noon.

Attendance: November 8, 2026

Online:16 In Person:37 **Total: 53**

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Calendar for the Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 15—Annual Congregational Meeting; Vote for 2027 Church Leaders; 2027 Stewardship Pledge cards due

- 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 11 a.m. Corning FCC Service begins, 1421 Marin St., in the Fellowship Hall at the back of the church
- After fellowship, Capital Campaign meeting, Room 6
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 17

- 2 p.m. Disciple Women's Ministries meeting, Fireside
- 7 p.m. Elder's Hybrid Meeting, Chapel and Zoom

Wednesday, November 18

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
- 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2, Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- 10 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2, Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, *Living Toward Hope*, Chapel and Zoom

Friday, November 20

- 1 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany

Saturday, November 21

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

Sunday, November 22

- 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- After Fellowship, Capital Campaign meeting, Room 6
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- **3 p.m. Decorating the Sanctuary party, Sanctuary**