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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. Welcome and Announcements - (Kathy Moran)

Tuesday –

9:00 a.m. Koinonia Krafters in Fireside Room

1:00 p.m. Zoom Check-in

Wednesday –

11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council at First Baptist and Zoom

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Koinonia Hall.

Thursday –

11:00 a.m. Music Jam in Room 5

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Friday –

1:00 p.m. Healing Circle

6:30 p.m. Bereavement Group

Sunday –

9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds on Zoom and in Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

III. Opening Hymn – CH #173 “As With Gladness” (Nancy Thompson)

As with gladness sages bold
Did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward beaming light
So, true Morning Star may we
Evermore your splendor see

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed
There to bend the knee before
One whom heaven and earth adore
So may we with willing feet
Every seek your mercy seat

As they offered gifts most rare
At the manger plain and bare
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy
All our costliest treasures bring
Christ to you from whom they spring

IV. Call to Worship – (Kathy Moran)

We are marked as God's beloved ones.

What have we done to deserve God's love.

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

**Even when we are difficult and turn away from
God,**

God's love never vanishes from us.

**Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us,
AMEN.**

V. Children's Moment – (Jesse Kearns)

VI. Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV – (Kathy Moran)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

VII. Sermon - "Light for the Soul" (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #469 "I Am the Light of the World" (Nancy Thompson)

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and the shepherds have found their
way home.
The work of Christmas is begun!

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal that broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good
food,
To feel the earth below the sky above!

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To free the prisoner from his chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,
To call a man your brother everywhere.

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old man's heart,
And sing to the colors of the earth!

IX. "I Saw Three Ships" – (The Upbeats)

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #423 “Become to Us the Living Bread” (Nancy Thompson)

Become to us the living bread
By which the Christian life is fed
Renewed and greatly comforted
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Become the never-failing wine
The springs of joy that shall incline
Our hearts to bear the covenant sign
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May Christians all with one accord
Unite around the sacred board
To praise your holy name, O Lord
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Nancy Morgans Ferguson)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude - (Nancy Thomson)

January Callers are available in the front of Sanctuary and online here: <https://www.fccchico.com/the-caller-newsletter.html>

January/February Upper Room Devotionals are in the front of the Sanctuary on the bookshelves.

Thank you to Dolores Reid and the Jesus Center for the Christmas Cards they sent!

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January 9th-17th, 2022

CALENDAR

This Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

No Fellowship until after February 15th

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside

1:00 p.m. Check-in on [Zoom](#)

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Jay Nelson), Koinonia Hall and Fireside

Thursday

11:00 a.m. Music Jam for all fully vaccinated musicians, Room 4

7:00 p.m. Bible Study on [Zoom](#)

Friday

1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany

6:30 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center (Contact Mary Kearns ASAP if you are interested, must be vaccinated)

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**California Mask Mandate Extended to February 15th:
Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask in public indoor gatherings.**

Some FAQs for Visitors

- **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's a "Doxology"?** Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord's Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **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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