



Calling All Sheep

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO
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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, more.

I. Prelude (Joshua Hegg)

II. Welcome (Pastor Jesse)

Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00

Healing Circle Tuesday at 2:00

First Sunday of Advent, Nov 29

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

Submissions for “Guess Whose Library”

III. Opening Hymn – CP #121 “Lead Me to the Rock”

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
Let your tender mercies be known.
Fill me with the song of salvation,
and I will go dancing with these broken bones.

Purge me and I will be clean
Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.
Father, wherever I go ...

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
Let your tender mercies be known.
Fill me with the song of salvation,
and I will go dancing with these broken bones.

Let every word from my mouth
And every thought that collects in my heart
Be worthy of how great thou art.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
Let your tender mercies be known.
Fill me with the song of salvation,
and I will go dancing with these broken bones.
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IV. Call to Worship – (Joe Rogers)

The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.
They are led to green pastures and brought before
stilled waters.
Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us.
Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.
Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.
O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of
compassion. AMEN.

V. Ezekiel 34: 11-16 - (Joe Rogers)

I, the Lord GOD, will personally undertake the search
and rescue mission for my missing people. When a
mob of sheep has been attacked and scattered, a
good farmer will mount a search and not rest until
they are all safely back together. I am just like that
farmer. I will seek out my sheep. On a day of
violent storms and clouds of black smoke, they
were scattered in all directions, but I will rescue
them from wherever they ended up. Even if my
exiled people have disappeared among other
peoples in other countries, I will gather them up,
one at a time, and bring the whole mob back home

to their own land. I will let them graze contentedly
on the rolling hills of this promised land. They will
be free to stroll beside rivers and creeks, and to
make their home among their friends and family. I
will give them the best pasture to feed on, and the
rich and fertile high country will be their home.
They will have it easy, and want for nothing. The
rich high country pastures will provide them with
everything they desire. I, the Lord GOD, will
personally take care of my sheep and see to it that
they can lie down with nothing to fear.

Those who are lost, I will seek.
Those who have wandered off track, I will bring
back.
Those who are wounded, I will bandage up.
Those who are weak, I will nurse back to full
strength.
But I will come down hard on the powerful
fat-cats.
Justice will be their staple diet.

VII. Matthew 25:31-46 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all
the angels with him, then he will sit on the
throne of his glory. All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, and he will

put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you

hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

VIII. Sermon - "Calling All Sheep" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #346 "Where He Leads Me"

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him to the judgment,
I'll go with Him to the judgment,
I'll go with Him to the judgment,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Where He leads me I will follow,

Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way.

Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

X. Moment for Mission – (What's Going On In Our Building Part 2)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CP #165 “One Piece of Bread”

One piece of bread, blessing it he said, take and eat
this portion broken for you
Come to the Lord, hunger nevermore. So our souls
were fed, one piece of bread.

One cup of wine flowing from the vine, take and
drink this portion shed for your sins,

Poured out like rain. Never thirst again, share this life
of mine, one cup of wine.

One Father sent his only Son. One Spirit and the
three are one.

One body and he bids us, “Come be my guest, be my
guest.”

One quiet room, where our hearts commune, where
our souls are fed, one piece of bread

One Father sent his only Son. One Spirit and the
three are one.

One table in the wilderness, “Be my guest, be my
guest.”

Come and receive, all who will believe. Share this life
of mine, one cup of wine

Let your souls be fed, one piece of bread.

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Margaret Maxwell and Barbara Poetker)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

**Please go to the next page to see the results from
the Congregational meeting!**

November 15th Congregational Meeting Results

The congregation voted to accept the slate of leaders that was presented by Nominating Committee Chair Peggy Davidson and Board Chair Gary Cantwell. (See results below). We actually had one more ballot cast this year compared to last year. **Well done everyone!!!**

50 Ballots were cast and the slate of 2021 Church Leaders was elected by a majority.

Moderator: Gary Cantwell
Vice Moderator: Georgeanne Bennett
Board Secretary: Nina Jones
Church Treasurer: Nancy Thompson
Congregational Life: Peggy Davidson
Outreach Ministry: Rich Campbell
Administrative Ministry: Barbara Mann
At Large Board Member: Ken Chandler

Endowment: Jacky Smith 2023, James Maxwell 2023, Nancy Thompson 2022, Kathy Moran 2022, Fred Stolp 2021, Rich Campbell 2021

Personnel: Cynthia Cantwell 2023, Carolyn Hicks 2022
Brian English 2021

Financial Secretary: Barbara Poetker
Asst. Financial Secretary: Connie Wakefield

Elders: Term Expires: 12/31/21
Peggy Davidson, Margaret Maxwell, Joe Rogers, Glenn Story, Jacky Smith, Kevin Zeitler, Barbara Meade

Elders: Term Expires: 12/31/22
Georgia Nelson, Bill Peterson, Barbara Poetker, Georgeanne Bennett, Maxwell Erwin

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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CALENDAR

November 22nd-29th, 2020

This Sunday—Thanksgiving Special Offering

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and
[Facebook](#)

Tuesday

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

2:00 p.m. Healing Circle, [Zoom](#)

Thursday—Thanksgiving; Church Office closed

Friday—Church Office closed

Next Sunday—Thanksgiving Special Offering;

Hanging of the Greens; Hope Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and
[Facebook](#)

Church Staff Vacation Days

Pastor Jesse will be on vacation from Wednesday, November
25th through Saturday, 28th.

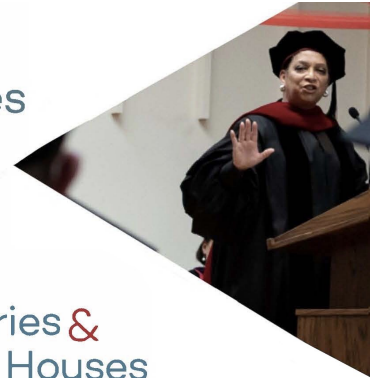


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