





October 15th, 2023
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First Christian Church Chico



(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 – (Maxwell Erwin)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel; 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, Room 6
- Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. Music Jam practice, Room 4; 2:00 p.m. WICS, Bethany; 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting, Zoom
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside; 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, Room 6
- Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions Bible Study, Room 6 and Zoom
- Saturday – Guess Who's Coming to Brunch; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Room 6 and Zoom; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

IV. Opening Hymn –CP #14 “Step By Step” (Joshua Hegg)

O God, you are my God
And I will ever praise you
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you
I will seek you in the morning
And I will learn to walk in your way
And step by step you’ll lead me
And I will follow you all of my days.

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V. Call to Worship – (Maxwell Erwin)

You have been invited to a special feast.
We need more details, for our schedules are very busy.
This is celebration of commitment between God and God’s people.
Maybe next time, we have other plans. What is God going to do if we don’t come?

Your response is noted. There are many others who would be delighted to come, even on a last minute notice. God looks forward to greeting them and celebrating with them.

Will we get a second chance? God forgive us for placing our schedules and other plans before coming to your celebration. AMEN.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Laughing Bird Version (Maxwell Erwin)

We sing your praises, LORD!
We overwhelmed with gratitude for all your goodness; your love and loyalty go on forever.

Words cannot describe all the amazing things you have done;
we can’t praise you highly enough, LORD.

Those who stick to the ways of justice are on a winner;
those who always do the right thing will have plenty to smile about.

Count me in, LORD, when you hand out the perks to
your people;
don't overlook me when you come to bail them out.
I want to be there to see your chosen people come
into their own;
I want to join in their celebrations
and bask in the glory of the future you have set up.

We have done the wrong thing by you,
just as our ancestors did before us;
we have acted corruptly;
we have done what is evil.

Our forebears made an idol in the shape of a calf;
they worshipped the work of their own hands.
They switched from basking in your glory
to making fools of themselves over a toy cow!

They forgot that you were the God who saved them,
who took powerful action to free them from slavery;
who did amazing things in the land where they were
oppressed
and awesome acts of power to get them through the
Red Sea.

You were justifiably angry, LORD;
you were planning to wipe them out,
and you would have gone through with the plan
if it had not been for Moses, your chosen leader.
He stood up to you and held you back;

he calmed your anger and talked you out of
destroying them.

VIII. Philippians 3:4-14 (NRSV)

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the
flesh. 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
make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me
his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made
it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies

behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I
press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly
call of God in Christ Jesus.

**IX. Sermon – “Holy Imposter Syndrome” (Rev.
Jesse Kearns)**

**X. Hymn of Invitation and Reflection – CH #621
vs. 1, 3, 4 “Are Ye Able’, Said the
Master” (Joshua Hegg)**

“Are ye able,” said the Master,
“to be crucified with me?”
“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered,
“to the death we follow thee.”

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine
Remold them, make us,
Like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
A beacon to God to love and loyalty.
“Are ye able” when the shadows
Close around you with the sod,
To believe that spirit triumphs,
To commend your soul to God?

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine
Remold them, make us,
Like thee, divine.

Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
A beacon to God to love and loyalty.

“Are ye able?” Still the Master
Whispers down eternity,
And heroic spirits answer
Now, as then, in Galilee.

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine
Remold them, make us
Like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
A beacon to God to love and loyalty.

**XI. Moments for Mission: Holiday Bazaar!
(Georgia Nelson)**

XII. Prayers of the People

**XIII. Communion Song – CH #386 “We Come as
Guests Invited” (Joshua Hegg)**

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine
His friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured

For us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single, fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given
by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

**XVI. Institution of Communion (Peggy
Davidson, Bobbi Robinson, elders)**

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIX. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

- **Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force:** Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force hand outs are in the Sanctuary, next to the bulletins, and a PDF is [here](#). They can be returned in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or sent to the church office by email, or mail.
- **Annual Holiday Bazaar is Saturday, November 4th, 2023, 9 am to 1 pm.** Sign up for booths in the entrance of Koinonia Hall.
- **November 12th is our Annual Congregational Meeting and Stewardship Sunday.** We will be voting on next year's church leaders during the Sunday morning service on November 12th. This is the same day pledge cards are due. Stewardship letters with pledge cards have been mailed out, and electronic copies of the letter and the pledge card are on our website here: <https://www.fccchico.com/stewardship.html>. Pledge cards and envelopes are also in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. Please return the pledge card by mail, in the offering plates on Sunday mornings, or by dropping it through the church mail slot at any time before November 12th, 2023. Thank you!
- **October Caller** is available in the sanctuary by the bulletins and online on our [website](#).

Attendance

Attendance for October 8th, 2023:

Sanctuary: 42, Online: 13 Total: 55

Credits

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This Sunday—Deadline to submit articles to monthly newsletter, *The Caller*

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

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Admin. Assist. Briony will be on vacation
Tue. Oct 24-Tue. Oct 31st

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.
- **Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us!**
www.fccchico.com
- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.

Annual Holiday Bazaar

First Christian Church

November 4th, 2023

9 am to 1 pm



Proceeds Support Community Outreach

Cash * Checks * Credit Cards Accepted
295 E. Washington Ave Chico * fccchico.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Support First Christian Church, Chico
with your unique talents!

2024 NOMINATIONS OPEN

- ✓ Make your voice heard
- ✓ Support our church
- ✓ Get to know others

FULL LIST OF
OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE ONLINE



More Information



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Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force Church Officers for 2024

We, the Nominating Committee, request that all members of First Christian Church, Chico seriously and prayerfully recommend those persons you believe should be asked to consider a leadership position. Indicate those names below. You may put it in the collection plate, drop it by the office or mail it to the church.

Your participation in this process is important and we appreciate your input. Please respond now while it is fresh in your mind. **Please consider the desired Leadership qualities and gifts for serving as listed below:**

Board Moderator: Be objective and able to listen to all sides; open to hearing all perspectives and ideas; able to keep a meeting on the subject at hand; be a calming influence.

Vice-Moderator: In the absence of the Board Moderator, presides at congregational and Church Board meetings and carries out all other duties of the Board Moderator. Appoints a chair of the Diaconate and assists with recruitment and training of the Diaconate. Oversees the Elders and Personnel Committee.

Board Secretary: Able to hear what is being said at the meeting, and record the meeting activities and actions.

Church Treasurer: Timely payment of bills; correct errors in a timely manner; work closely with leadership; be transparent and open; must maintain confidentiality.

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the Christian education, membership, worship arts, fellowship and program ministries.

Outreach Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates evangelism, missional outreach, and Regional/General Church relations.

Administrative Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the administrative ministries of the church including business and property.

At Large Board Member: Interested in the life of the church, and committed to its future thriving.

Elders: Willing to help care for the spiritual needs of the congregation, as a part of the shared ministry of the church; committed to being equipped and to equip others; have a desire to grow spiritually, and to help others grow in their faith.

Financial Secretary: A numbers person; confidential, organized and efficient.

Ass't. Financial Secretary: Same as Financial Secretary.

Personnel Committee Member: Able to look at staff as employees; have an understanding and experience in business practices; listen to congregational concerns; work closely and communicate with the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Endowment Trustee: An understanding of financial practices; has a passion for developing planned giving programs within the congregation.

—Nominating Committee

I prayerfully recommend...

Board Moderator	_____

Vice Moderator	_____

Board Secretary	_____

Church Treasurer	_____

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Outreach Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Administrative Ministry Coordinator:	_____

At Large Board Member	_____

Elder	_____

Financial Secretary	_____

Asst. Financial Secretary	_____

Personnel Committee	_____

Endowment Trustee	_____

From the FCC Bylaws, Article VII Section C: Additional nominees for any office may be made from the congregation in this manner: With the approval of the nominee, a petition signed by at least ten (10) active members shall be in the hands of the nominating committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the annual election. If such additional nominations are made, the committee shall announce to the congregation the revised slate, including all nominees for each vacancy.

Please return the completed form either by the collection plate on Sunday morning, dropping it off at the church office, or mailing it to the church. Thank you!