



October 1st, 2023
Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

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 – (Dave Hoppe)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. Music Jam practice, Room 4; 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting, Zoom
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions Bible Study, Room 6 and Zoom
- Saturday – 10:00 a.m. Elders' Brunch, Peggy Davidson's home; 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 #172 “Gather Your People” (Joshua Hegg)

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters,
Each of us called to walk in your light.

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
Gather your people, O Lord.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other,
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

Gather your people, O Lord.
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One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
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No more harm on the mountain of God;
Swords into plowshares.
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord,
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,
Gather your people, O Lord.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life,
Waters of mercy, waters of hope
That flow from your side.

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V. Call to Worship – (Dave Hoppe)

Come, let us worship God who provides for us.
**Even though we whine and complain, God hears
our cries.**

Lift your voices in praise, for God has come to
comfort you.

**Thanks be to God who forgives and heals our
wounded souls**

Come, celebrate God’s steadfast love.

**Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to
your words. AMEN.**

VII. Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 Laughing Bird Version (Dave Hoppe)

We are keen to learn of you, LORD;
your people are eager to hear what you have to say.

We listen to those who pass on the old stories;
the dark mysteries of ancient wisdom.
These are things we must hear and know,
for the wisdom of our ancestors must not be lost.

We will not deprive our children of these things.
We will pass on the stories to the next generation,
LORD,
stories of the wonderful things you have done,
so that they know how great and amazing you are.

Our ancestors saw the miraculous things you did
when they were still doing hard labour in the land of
slavery.

You cut a track through the sea and let them escape;
you made the angry waters stand aside to let them
through.

You sent a cloud to guide them in the daytime,
and a fire to light the way for them at night.

In the parched outback, you broke open rocks,
bringing drinking water flooding up from deep below.
You made fresh water pour from the rock;
a river of life flowing in the desert

VIII. Luke 12:13-23 (Dave Hoppe)

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

IX. Sermon – “There Is Enough” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

**X. Hymn of Invitation and Reflection – CH #392
“Draw Use in the Spirit’s Tether” (Joshua Hegg)**

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether,
For when humbly in your name,
Two or three are met together,
You are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia, alleluia,
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of you,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may be disciples true.
Alleluia, alleluia
We will serve with faith anew.

XI. Moments for Mission: WICS

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song – CP #161 “Here Is Bread” (Joshua Hegg)

Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us. He is
with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine; Christ is with us here.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us, he is
with us.
Know his grace, find his peace; feast on Jesus here.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us. He is
with us.
We’ll proclaim till he comes, Jesus crucified.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

**XVI. Institution of Communion (Nancy Morgans
-Ferguson and Georgia Nelson, 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 September 24th, 2023

Sanctuary: 36, Online: 15 Total: 49

Credits

- “Gather Your People” Words and Music: Bob Hurd. © 1991 Bob Hurd. Published by OCP Publications. All Rights Reserved. Used with Permission.
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October 1st-8th, 2023

CALENDAR

This Sunday—World Communion Sunday

- 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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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.

**Sound the Trumpets:
Unmuted Ministry:
Uncommon Love;
United Service
Numbers 10:4-7**

**RECONCILIATION MINISTRY
SPECIAL OFFERING
SEPTEMBER 24th - OCTOBER 1st**



www.reconciliationministry.org



*Sound the Trumpets: Unmuted Witness;
Uncommon Love; United Service*

Number 10:4-7

Reconciliation Ministry is an invaluable part of our church as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. When we encounter the perils of systemic racism, we sound the trumpet. In every expression of the Church, we sound the alarms so that we may be the hands and feet of Christ in the face of racial inequity and injustice. Just like the camps of the east and south in Israel, called together at the sound of the trumpets in the book of Numbers, Disciples are called together as an anti-racist and pro-reconciling faith movement.

For example, some of our congregations host “Be the Neighbor” programs that invite youth and young adults to witness to Christ’s love through anti-oppression education and community service in support of neighbors in need.

Your generous giving to our shared ministry of Reconciliation, allows us to join the cacophony of trumpets sounding the alarm to unmute our witness on behalf of the voiceless, to shine the light of Christ’ uncommon love, and to advocate for justice through our united service and ministry of reconciliation. Will you join Reconciliation Ministry as we seek to extend the reach of Christ’s invitation to abundant life for all of God’s children.

Thank you for your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry!

www.reconciliationministry.org

Annual Holiday Bazaar

First Christian Church

November 4th, 2023

9 am to 1 pm



Farmer's Market,
Jams & Jellies,
Opportunity
Drawing,
Coffee &
Sticky buns



Proceeds Support Community Outreach

Cash * Checks * Credit Cards Accepted
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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

☎ Call Maxwell 925-487-8668

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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!