

Think About These Things





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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 – (Connie Wakefield)

- 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; Administrative Assistant Briony on vacation through October 31st.
- Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. PEO, Fireside; 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
- Friday – 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany
- Saturday – North Valley Intergroup Speaker Meeting, Koinonia Hall; 5 p.m. Celebration of Life for Ali Sarsour at Trinity Methodist Church.
- 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 –CH #15 “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” vs. 1, 3-4 (Joshua Hegg)

Rejoice, you pure in heart;
lift praises to the sky;
Your festive banner wave with joy,
The cross of Christ raise high!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

With voice as full and strong
As ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved,
The psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life’s long path,
Still singing as you go,
From youth to age by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

V. Call to Worship – (Connie Wakefield)

Celebrate God’s love, which has been poured into
your life!

**Forgiveness, encouragement, support, and
healing are gifts of God to us.**

Reach out and care for those around you.

We will be people of peace and justice.

Shout for joy!

Sing God’s praises always! AMEN.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Psalm 99 Laughing Bird Version (Connie Wakefield)

You, LORD, rule over everything!
Enthroned in glory, surrounded by awesome creatures,
your presence sends shivers down our spines
and makes even the earth tremble and quake!

LORD, your greatness is celebrated in Zion,
and in every nation you are number one.

At the mere mention of your name,
people everywhere burst into praise,
for your greatness and holiness are awesome!

Ruling in strength; loving justice with a passion;
you have seen to it that everyone gets a fair go.
You have laid down the law
so that your people will do what is right.

We fall at your feet and sing your praises, O LORD
our God,

for your greatness and holiness are awesome!

Moses and Aaron served you as priests,

Samuel was another who reached out to you.

They cried out to you on the world’s behalf,

and from the awesome cloud you answered them.

They stuck to what you had told them, LORD,
and did whatever you asked of them.

When they did wrong you set them straight,
in no uncertain terms;
but you forgave them, LORD,
and never failed to answer them.

We sing your praises, O LORD our God.
We climb your holy mountain to worship you,
for your greatness and holiness are awesome!

VIII. Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSV)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is

pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

IX. Sermon – “Think About These Things” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Hymn of Invitation and Reflection – CP #91 “Create in Me a Clean Heart” (Joshua Hegg)

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord,
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

XI. Moments for Mission

XII. Prayers of the People

**XIII. Communion Song – CP #49 “Sanctuary” x2
(Joshua Hegg)**

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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XVI. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin, Bill Peterson, elders)

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIX. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

• **Nominating Committee Recommendations for the 2024 Church Year**

The Nominating Committee (Peggy Davidson, Chair; Maxwell Erwin; Nancy Thompson; Connie Wakefield; and Rich Campbell) have provided the following slate of nominees for church leadership next year.

This slate was presented to and approved by the Church Board at the October Board Meeting, and this list can now be distributed prior to the annual meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.

Note that there is a missing nominee at Administrative Minister and one on Personnel. The Nominating Committee worked very hard to fill every position, but was unable to find a volunteer in those two positions. The Board will need to appoint leaders to those positions in the future, which is allowed in the bylaws.

Proposed Slate of Church Leaders

- **Moderator**-Maxwell Erwin
- **Vice-Moderator**-Gary Cantwell
- **Secretary**-Carolyn Driscoll
- **Treasurer**-Nancy Thompson
- **Congregational Life Ministry Leader**-Peggy Davidson
- **Outreach Ministry Leader**-Georgia Nelson

- **Administrative Ministry Leader** -NONE
- **Member At Large**-Bill Peterson
- **Financial Secretary**-Georgeanne Bennett
- **Assistant Financial Secretary**-Carolyn Driscoll
- **Personnel Committee**- (3-year term, ending 12/31/26)-Kathy Moran
- **Endowment Trustees** (3-year term, ending 12/31/26)-Nancy Thompson, Marie Grandeen
- **Elders** (2-year term, ending 12/31/25)- Barbara Poetker, Gary Cantwell, Dave Hoppe, Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Joe Rogers

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.

- **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—Worship and Ministry Fair will be in Koinonia Hall!** 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 plate on Sunday mornings, or by dropping it through the church mail slot at any time before November 12th, 2023. Thank you!
- **All Saints Sunday. On November 5th,** we will be remembering and honoring our beloved “saints” who have gone before us. 2023 has been a hard year for our church, and many of us have lost loved ones in the past few years. We are setting aside this day to honor them with music, poetry and Scripture. We will light candles and tell stories. We will explore what it means to lament and why lamenting is an act of love. If you wish, you may bring “linking objects” to church with you. There will be tables set up to receive them. These might be photos and/or any small objects that remind you of your loved ones.
- **Upper Room Devotionals** are available in the Sanctuary narthex on top of the bookshelves.

Attendance

Attendance for October 15th, 2023:

Sanctuary: 40, Online: 10 Total: 50

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This 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](#)
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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



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