



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO
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Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

October 23rd, 2022

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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 - (Barbara Poetker)

- Today - Fellowship hosted by Diane and Paul Steffy
- Monday – 5:00 p.m. Advent Rehearsal in the chapel.
- Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. Music jam in the sanctuary.
- Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. PEO in Fireside Room; 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Bible study in Room 6 and Zoom.
- Friday – 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle in Bethany.
- Next 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

III. Opening Hymn – CH #16 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Nancy Thompson)

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet

Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise to thee an altar
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, how I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above.

IV. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)

Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer
prayer.

**Happy are those who live in your courts—
those who are satisfied with the goodness
of your house and your holy temple.**

You are the hope of all things, Holy One,
from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

**You make the gateways of the evening
and the morning shout for joy.**

Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

Let us shout and sing together for joy.

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. Luke 18:9-14 NRSV – (Barbara Poetker)

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

VII. Sermon - “Dude, Humble Thyself!” (Pastor Jesse)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #112 “Holy Ground” (Nancy Thompson)

We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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IX. Moments for Mission – Devoted to Generosity

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #265 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” (Nancy Thompson)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth though all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

XII. Institution of Communion (Nancy Morgans -Ferguson and Georgia Nelson)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

First Christian Church Chico invites you to our

Bazaar!

Sat. Nov. 5th

9 am to Noon

Handmade Crafts and Decor
Christmas Items and Gifts
Farmer's Market and Plant Nursery
Preserves, Jams & Jellies
Opportunity Drawing for
Quilts, Art and Baskets

Children's Craft Area

Proceeds Supports Community Outreach

Cash * Checks * Credit Cards Accepted

295 E. Washington Ave Chico fccchico.com

Upper Room Devotionals

November/December Upper Room Devotionals are on the bookshelves in the narthex of the sanctuary.

Holiday Bazaar 2022

Contact Georgia Nelson if you would like to volunteer, donate items, or have questions!
(530) 632-4372 or nutmegnelson2@gmail.com



Daylight Saving Time ENDS

Sunday, November 6th. Turn your clocks back the night of Saturday, November 5th.

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October 23rd-30th, 2022

CALENDAR

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Admin. Assistant Briony will be on vacation

October 24th-31st

Some FAQs for Visitors

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LUKE 18:14, NIV

- **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.