



October 8th, 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 – (Nancy Thompson & Shelley Fairchild)**

**II. Ringing of the Bell**

**III. Welcome and Announcements (Barbara Poetker)**

- Today – Fellowship following service
- Monday – 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble Practice in the Chapel.
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside; 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions Bible Study, Room 6 and Zoom
- Friday – 1:30 p.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council, Fireside
- Saturday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart grief group, Spiritual Care Center
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 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 #625 “Precious Name” (Nancy Thompson)**

Take the Name of Jesus with you,  
Child of sorrow and of woe,  
It will joy and comfort give you;  
Take it then, where'er you go.

Precious Name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;  
Precious Name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

Take the Name of Jesus ever,  
As a shield from every snare;  
If temptations round you gather,  
Breathe that holy Name in prayer.

Precious Name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;  
Precious Name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

Oh, the precious Name of Jesus!  
How it thrills our souls with joy,  
When His loving arms receive us,  
And His songs our tongues employ!

Precious Name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;  
Precious Name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

At the Name of Jesus bowing,  
Falling prostrate at His feet,  
King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him,  
When our journey is complete.

Precious Name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;  
Precious Name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

#### **V. Call to Worship CH# 355 “A Disciples Affirmation” – (in unison)**

**As members of the Christian Church,  
We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the  
living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior  
of the world.**

**In Christ's name and by his grace we accept our  
mission of witness and service to all people.  
We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth,  
and in the covenant of love which binds us to  
God and one another.**

**Through baptism into Christ we enter into  
newness of life and are made one with the  
whole people of God.**

**In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are  
joined together in discipleship and in  
obedience to Christ.**

**At the table of the Lord we celebrate with  
thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of  
Christ.**

**Within the universal church, we receive the gift of  
ministry and the light of scripture.**

**In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves  
to God that we may serve the One whose  
kingdom has no end.**

**Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever.  
Amen.**

*--Preamble to the Design for the Christian Church (Disciples  
of Christ)*

## **VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School**

## **VII. Laughing Bird Psalm 19 (Barbara Poetker)**

Your glory is written in the sky, God;  
your artistry is carved on the face of the earth.  
From one day to another, the message passes on,  
and each night puts the next one in the know.

Not a word is spoken,  
not a sound do they make;  
yet their silence reverberates around the earth  
and their unspoken message echoes from pole to  
pole.

You made the sun at home flying across the sky.  
It takes to its task with the eagerness of a  
bridegroom;  
as exultant as an athlete breasting the tape.  
As your messenger, God, it does its rounds,  
from one end of the sky to the other,  
warming everything in its path.

Your revealed will is right on the mark, LORD;  
it gives our souls their second wind.  
What you says goes,  
and any fool can wise up by taking note.

Your instructions are spot on, LORD;  
anyone who follows them will be glad they did.  
What you direct us to do is easy to see,  
and once seen, everything become clear.

Respect for you keeps us true, LORD,  
nothing can corrupt it, now or ever.  
What you decide is always accurate;  
a fair ruling, beyond dispute.

Your Word is worth far more  
than even diamond encrusted gold!  
It is sweeter by far  
than any mouth watering delicacy,  
even chocolate dipped strawberries with cream!

But that's not all!  
Your Word, O LORD, keeps me out of danger,  
and following it pays off richly.

Can anyone put their finger on all their own faults?  
LORD, eradicate the bugs I haven't even identified  
yet.

Remind me not to entertain sour contemptuous  
thoughts,  
and don't let them start pulling my strings.  
Without them, I can stay on course,  
and keep my record clean.

That's what I want, O LORD.  
I want all the things I say,  
and all the things I mull over in my heart,  
to be things I'd be proud to offer to you,  
for you are the bedrock of my life;  
the one who puts me back where I belong.

### **VIII. Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSV) (Barbara Poetker)**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**IX. Sermon – “Bendable, Poseable Jesus” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)**

**X. Song of Reflection and Invitation – CH #115  
“There’s Something About That Name” (Nancy Thompson)**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!  
There’s just something about that name!  
Master, Savior, Jesus!  
Like a fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!  
Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
Kings and kingdoms may all pass away,  
But there's something about that name!

**XI. Moments for Mission**

**XII. Prayers of the People**

**XIII. Communion Song CH #585 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (Nancy Thompson)**

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he’ll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there

**XIV. Institution of Communion (Georgia Nelson, Kevin Zeitler, elders)**

**XV. Partaking Communion Together**

## XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

## XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson & Shelley Fairchild)

- **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 1st, 2023:

Sanctuary: 37, Online: 16          Total: 53

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October 8th-15th, 2023

## CALENDAR

### 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](#)
- 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](http://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](http://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!**