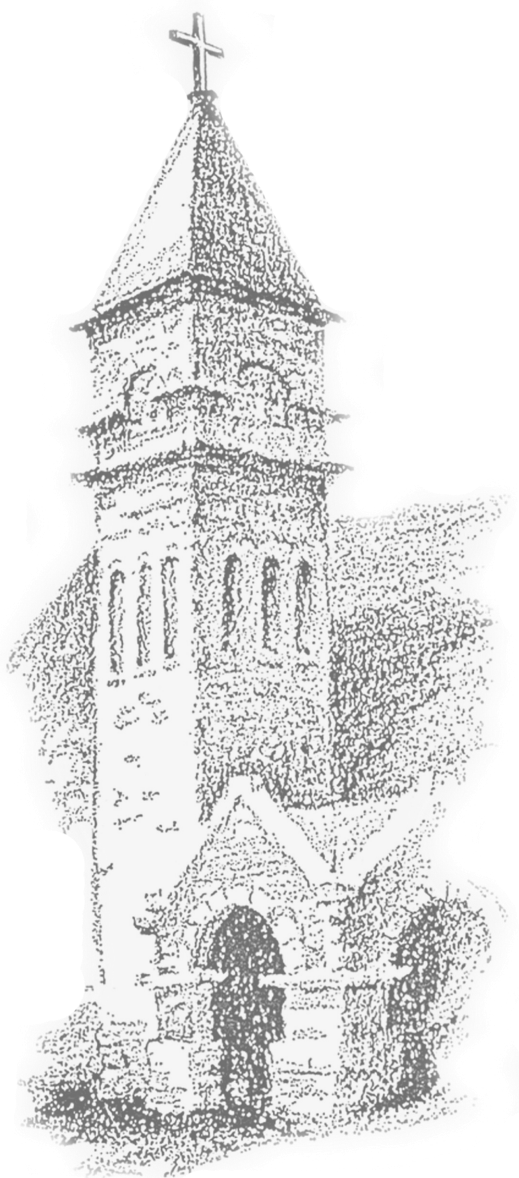


# Worship



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**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 10, 2025**



**9:30 A.M.**

# Gathering in Praise

(\*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Topher Endress

Prelude

*Menuet de L'arlésienne (No. 2)*  
Georges Bizet

Rochelle Parker  
& Becky Baumgartner

Litany of Praise (the people read the **bold**)

Dan Gieseke

God is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think

**To God be all glory!**

God's power is at work through us

**Let us offer our whole selves in service to God's kingdom**

\*Hymn #275

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

\*Invocation (the people read the **bold**)

Dan Gieseke

Let us pray. **Glorious God, in your name we gather with humility, knowing that all good things are worked together by your power. With boldness, let us proclaim your presence here and your ability to meet every need, both near and far. Help us to acknowledge that true humility does not disparage our own capacity to be part of these answered prayers, but rather rightly remembers that we are equipped by you to serve our community. Give us a faith in your activity among us and within us. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #35

## Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment & Backpack Blessing

Hayley Batterson

(see the "notes" section of the bulletin for Children's Worship information)

The Prayers of the People

Dr. Endress

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response #312

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-20 (NT p. 193)

Dr. Endress

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*Sicilienne*  
Gabriel Fauré

Becky Baumgartner  
& Rochelle Parker

Sermon

*Going Beyond*

Dr. Endress

## Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Endress

\*Hymn #464

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Endress

Offertory Music

\*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Endress

Communion Hymn #393

*One Bread, One Body*

Prayer for Offerings

Jeff Underwood

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer

Eric Arnett

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Our time of communion is open to all followers of Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Pass the trays to the middle of the pew, then back to the deacon. Hold the elements in the cups for unison partaking at the minister's invitation. **Gluten free** communion elements can be found in the Narthex. All communion elements are **non-alcoholic**.*

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Dr. Endress

## Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction

Dr. Endress

\*Recessional #494 (v. 3)

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Postlude

*Improvisation*

Travis McFarlane

## Prayers of the Congregation

***Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing:*** Donaleigh Richardson; Carol & Tom Hughey; Charlie Koelling; The Wells & Hoenes Families

***Sympathy:*** **Richard Wells** passed away on Wednesday, July 30. He was 89 years old. Please keep **Suellen Wells, Rick Wells**, and the **Hoenes Family (C.K., Paula, Ava, & Kira)** in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.

A longer prayer list of ongoing requests is on the yellow sheets in the narthex. Requests for prayer may be submitted via the yellow cards in the narthex, e-mailed or called into the church office.

***The Chancel Flowers*** are given by **David & Debbie Potthast** in honor of **Brenda Mosby & Janelle Patterson**.

The yellow roses on the organ are in honor of **Jay & Mona Stevenson's** 51st wedding anniversary today, August 10, **Bragg & Joyce Stanley's** 52nd wedding anniversary on Monday, August 11 and **Tommy Tomlin's** 98th birthday on Wednesday, August 13!

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**Our Mission:** *To know God and follow Jesus Christ*

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## Serving Today

**Office Receptionist:** Debbie Potthast

**Welcome Station:** Steve McCormack

**Flower Ministry:** Dave & Debbie Potthast

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:** Karen Hobson

**Communion Prep:** Janelle Patterson & Chuck Scott

**Greeters:** Edie Pigg (N. Door), Karen Hobson (S. Door), Elizabeth Mottaz (Atrium), Jacki Davidson (Portico)

**AV Team:** Chris Fuemmeler

**Liturgist:** Dan Gieseke

**Deacon Team:** The Judy Team

**Elders:** Jeff Underwood, Eric Arnett, Tracy Evers (Balcony)

**Children's Worship:** Holly Gieseke

**Offering Counters:** Jean Juba and Sarah Storm

**Special Music:** Rochelle Parker & Becky Baumgartner

# This Week in the Life of the Church

## Sunday, August 10

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Worship, 9:30am

## Tuesday, August 12

### *Cabinet Meeting Cancelled*

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Stewardship & Finance Meeting, 5:30pm, Morris Parlor

## Wednesday, August 13

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:00pm, 3rd Floor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

## Thursday, August 14

- COAM Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Morris Parlor

## Sunday, August 17

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Worship, 9:30am
- Church Energy Bus Meeting, 10:45am, YFH

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# WORSHIP

## SCHEDULE RESUMES

**Sunday, September 7**  
8:30 & 10:30 Worship  
9:30 Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

## **Ladies Book Club Choosing Lunch—Wednesday, August 13**

On August 13 at 11:30 a.m. Ladies' Book Club will have its annual Choosing Lunch at The Club at Old Hawthorne. **Peggy Veatch** is working to get a private room for the group, but this may not be possible. Lunch must be paid by credit card, as The Club will not accept cash. Please let Peggy know if you will be coming, so that she can tell the staff in advance and they will have a spot for everyone. Her email address is [meg4vteach@yahoo.com](mailto:meg4vteach@yahoo.com) (all lower case).

## **RSVP Today! Annual Church Picnic—Sunday, September 7**

The annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 7 at the Lamb Shelter of Cosmo Park (1615 Business Loop 70 W) from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us! The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat and drinks, and all who join are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join us for this afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun! If possible, please RSVP for the picnic by Friday, September 5 online at <https://firstchristian.org/rsvp> or by writing "PICNIC" in your pew pad during worship. Can't wait to see you there!



# WELCOME

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are with us. Please take a moment to visit our website, [firstchristian.org](http://firstchristian.org) to find out more about the ministry and mission of First Christian Church. Feel free to say hello to a host at the *Welcome Station* in the Narthex following worship and receive a folder of church-related information.

**During Worship:** Afghans, large print hymnals and children's bulletins with crayons are available from a greeter or are found on the shelf in the narthex. Hearing devices are available in the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Please talk to the AV Team if you need assistance.

**Children:** A nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten-aged children. Our nursery is staffed by Mother's Day Out teachers from 9:15am until pickup following the service.

**Children's Worship:** Following the Children's Moment in 9:30 worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to go with leaders to the 3rd floor of the Education Bldg. for their own worship time followed by constructive craft, reading and play time. Parents need to pick up children from the 3rd floor following worship.

**Christian Education:** Christian Education for all ages is held during the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings from Labor Day—early May. Children (grades K-5) and youth (grades 6-12) meet on the third floor of the Education Building. Adults meet in the Cinema on the third floor of the Education Building.



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Maria Clark, Weekend Custodian

Travis McFarlane, Early Worship Service Musician

Dr. Rochelle Parker, Organist