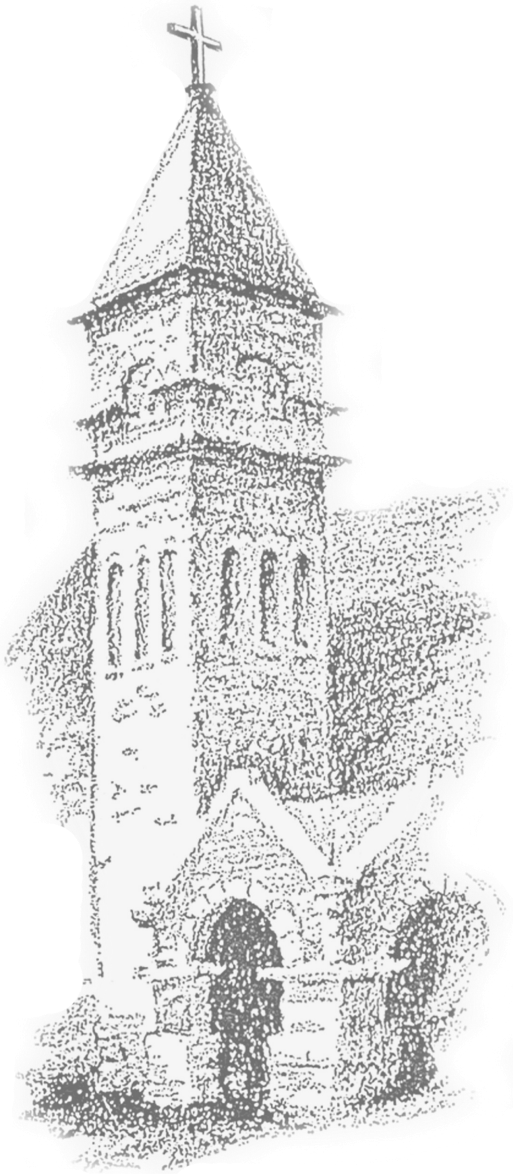


# Worship



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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 24, 2025**



**9:30 A.M.**

# Gathering in Praise

(\*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude *In the Garden* Matthew Kischer  
C. Austin Mills & Travis McFarlane

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

We have not come to a frightening mountain or a scary place.

**We have no fear or trembling.**

This is a heavenly place where angels gather in celebration.

**We have come to be the church.**

We have come to the mediator between God and humankind:  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**We come with reverence and awe.**

\*Hymn #90 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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

Let us pray. **Holy God, the judge of the living and the dead, we praise  
You! Lord Jesus Christ, the mediator of a new covenant, we praise  
You! Holy Spirit, the fire from heaven that descends to enliven our  
souls, we praise You! Triune God, whose perfect communion is  
worthy of our worship, we praise You. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #35

## Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment Rev. Dr. Topher Endress  
(see the "notes" section of the bulletin for Children's Worship information)

The Prayers of the People Dr. Stagg  
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response #312

Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-29 (NT p. 227) Dr. Stagg  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music *All I Know* Matthew Kischer  
Jimmy Webb

Sermon *The Mediator of a New Covenant* Dr. Stagg

## Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship	Dr. Stagg
*Hymn #707 (v. 1-3)	<i>Marching to Zion</i>
Invitation to Stewardship	Dr. Stagg
Offertory Music	
*The Doxology #46	
Invitation to the Table	Dr. Endress
Communion Hymn #423	<i>Come to Us the Living Bread</i>
Prayer for Offerings	Dan Gieseke
Words of Institution	
Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer	Katie Carrier

**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
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## Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction	Dr. Stagg
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*Recessional #707 (v. 4)	<i>Marching to Zion</i>
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**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching thru Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching thru Emmanuel's ground  
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.  
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

Postlude	<i>To God Be the Glory</i> arr. by Ellen Foncannon	Travis McFarlane & Rochelle Parker
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## Prayers of the Congregation

***Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing:*** Carol & Tom Hughey; Steve Smith; Mark Mills; Susan Gray

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 **Chuck & Emily Scott** in memory of Dr. Joe & Wilma McCanne and family members.

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

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## Serving Today

**Office Receptionist:** Carole Harris-Randerson

**Welcome Station:** Suan Gray

**Flower Ministry:** Jess & Steve Humble

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:** The Schaefers

**Communion Prep:** Sarah Storm & Topher Otake

**Greeters:** Steve Humble (N. Door), Jessica Humble (S. Door),  
Cindy Rose (Atrium), Janelle Patterson (Portico)

**AV Team:** Cliff Judy

**Liturgist:** Stacia Schaefer

**Deacon Team:** The Hunsaker Team

**Elders:** Dan Gieseke, Katie Carrier, Sarah Storm (Balcony)

**Children's Worship:** Jessica Humble

**Offering Counters:** Janelle Patterson & Jerry Miller

**Special Music:** Matthew Kischer, Travis McFarlane, Rochelle Parker

# This Week in the Life of the Church

## Sunday, August 24

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

## Monday, August 25

- Loaves & Fishes, 4:30pm, Room at the Inn (1509 Ashley St)

## Tuesday, August 26

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

## Wednesday, August 27

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

## Sunday, August 31

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Worship & the Sacrament of Baptism, 9:30am

**REGULAR**



# WORSHIP

SCHEDULE RESUMES

### Sunday, September 7

**8:30 & 10:30** Worship

**9:30** Coffee Fellowship,  
Sunday School & Library Meditations

## **Art Prints For Sale in Yonker Fellowship Hall—After Worship**

There will be art prints for sale in the Fellowship Hall following worship. There are a variety of prints from friends and members of FCC for sale or donation! Contact Brenda Mosby if you have any questions at [mosbybrenda43@gmail.com](mailto:mosbybrenda43@gmail.com).

## **Regular Worship Schedule Returns—Sunday, September 7**

Our regular worship schedule resumes on Sunday, September 7 following Labor Day Sunday. We will return to two services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. with a host of activities in between at 9:30 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday Schools will return on September 7, with Adult Sunday School returning the following Sunday, September 14. Coffee Fellowship Hour will return at 9:30 in Yonker Fellowship Hall. The Church Library open this fall as a space set aside for quiet, meditative time. Take your coffee and snack from coffee hour and spend quiet time in the library to prepare your spirit for worship and the coming week!

## **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. 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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