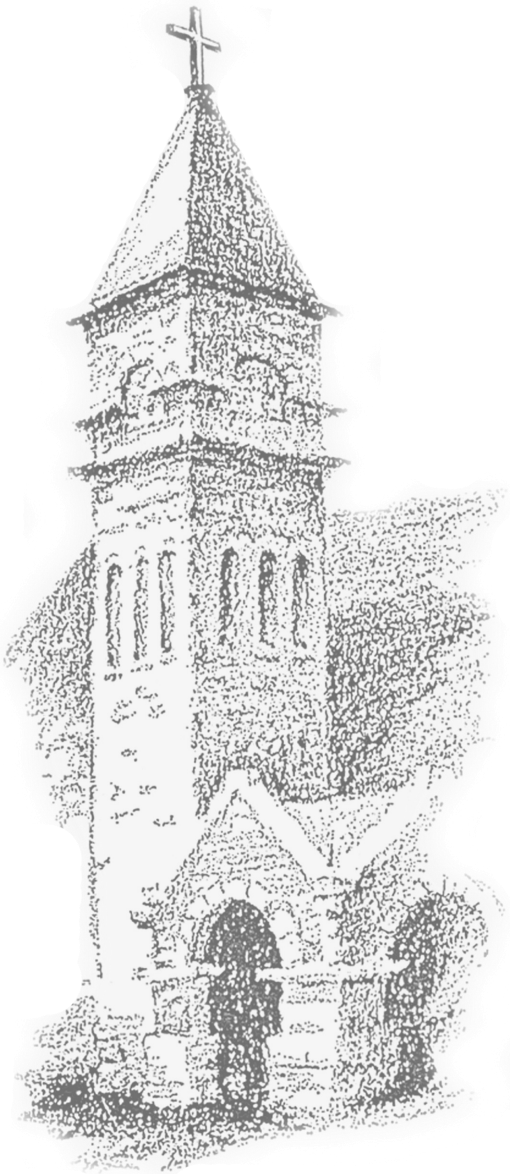


Worship



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 2025



10:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Precious Memories
J.B.F. Wright

Travis McFarlane

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

Tracy Fuemmeler

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

*Hymn #622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

Tracy Fuemmeler

Let us pray. **Lord God, we come before You today with hearts open and ready to receive. Thank you for the gifts of your Word – the prophetic proclaimed word, the unchained, inspired word of Scripture, and the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. Lord, open our minds to understand all the aspects of your Word. Help us do our best to be faithful workers, unashamed to share the word of truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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. Endress

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response #312

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 (NT p. 212)

Dr. Stagg

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

All Loves Excelling

Chancel Choir

Charles Wesley & Joseph M. Martin

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down;

fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art;

visit us with why Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!
 Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find that promised rest.
 Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
 end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
 Love divine, all excelling, set our hearts at liberty.
 Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
 changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder and praise.

Sermon

Apprenticeship: Endurance

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Stagg

*Hymn #618

How Firm a Foundation

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Endress

Offertory Music

Rochelle Parker

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Stagg

Communion Hymn #561 (v.1-3)

It Is Well With My Soul

Prayer for Offerings

Fred Mottaz

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer

Brenda Mosby

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. Stagg

Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction

Dr. Stagg

**May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Postlude

Just Over in Glory-Land
Emmett S. Dean

Travis McFarlane

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Sherry Kaye Dobbs (no visitors);
Mary Ann Atteberry; Helen Stemmons

Sympathy: Elizabeth “Beth” Nelms passed away at home on Wednesday, October 1. She was 85 years old. A celebration of Beth’s life will be held on Saturday, November 1 at the Montminy Gallery, Veranda, and Gazebo at Nifong Park in Columbia from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with a brief program at 2:00 p.m. Please keep the Nelms children (Keats, Rob, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Benjamin) 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 **Anne Campbell** in memory of **Mary Richardson**, for her birthday on October 4.

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Carla Tanzey

Welcome Station: Valerie Freed

Flower Ministry: Paula Hoenes & Anne Campbell

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Karen Hobson

Communion Prep: Debbie & Bryan Garton

Greeters: Susan Ramsey (N. Door), Gerald Ramsey (S. Door),
Tracy Fuemmeler (Atrium), Chris Fuemmeler (Portico)

AV Team: Dan Gieseke & Noah Stagg

Liturgist: Tracy Fuemmeler

Deacon Team: The Judy Team

Elders: Fred Mottaz, Brenda Mosby, Janelle Patterson (Balcony)

Children’s Worship: Holly Gieseke

Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson & Jerry Miller

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, October 12

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee Center
- Burns Night Volunteer Informational Mtg, 12pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- All Youth Corn Maze Trip, 4-6pm, Shylocks Callaway Farms

Monday, October 13

- Stewardship & Finance Meeting, 5:30pm, Morris Parlor

Tuesday, October 14

Cabinet Meeting Cancelled

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

Wednesday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 18

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, Room at the Inn (1509 Ashley St)
- Fall Church Work Day, 9am - 12pm

Sunday, October 19

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee Center
- Sunday Movie Matinee: The Sting, 12pm, 3rd Floor Cinema

Fall Outdoor Work Day—Saturday, October 18

We are looking for volunteers on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. until noon (or any portion thereof) to help clean up, spruce up and shape up the church grounds at our annual fall work day. **Volunteers are asked to bring their own gardening tools, gloves, hats, sunscreen and drinking water.** If you can join us on October 18 or lend your tools, please email, call or text Mike Randerson ASAP at dmranderson@mchsi.com or 573-424-4858.

Sunday Movie Matinee: “The Sting” - Sunday, October 19

Save the date! The Gieseke's are hosting a Sunday Movie Matinee in memory of Robert Redford on Sunday, October 19. They'll show the 1973 classic “The Sting” in the 3rd Floor Cinema. Pizza will be available for a donation of \$5.

WELCOME

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are with us. Please take a moment to visit our website, 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 8:15am until pickup following the service.

Children's Worship: Following the Children's Moment in 10:30 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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