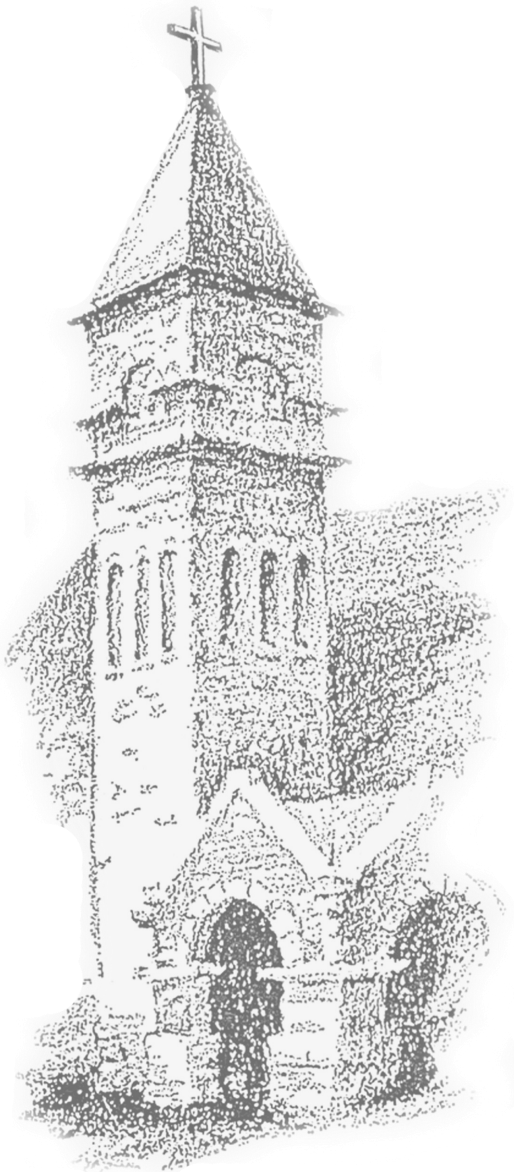


Worship



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 5, 2025



10:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

The Last Rose of Summer
arr. Dudley Buck

Rochelle Parker

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

Meg Judy

We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches
of the tree of life. Knowing that while friends may turn against us,

God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,
knowing that even when life is no picnic,

God prepares a feast for us.

*Hymn #276

We Gather Together

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

Meg Judy

Let us pray. **Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of Your
divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in Your
sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion
with You and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our
prayer. 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: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NT p. 211)

Dr. Stagg

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Come Thou Fount
arr. Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship	Dr. Stagg
*Hymn #452 (v. 1-2)	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>
Invitation to Stewardship	Dr. Stagg
Offertory Music	Rochelle Parker
*The Doxology #46	
Invitation to the Table	Dr. Endress
Communion Hymn #452 (v. 3)	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>
Prayer for Offerings	C.K. Hoenes
Words of Institution	
Prayer for Communion and Lord’s Prayer	Paula Hoenes

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 #357 (v. 5)	<i>We Call Ourselves Disciples</i>
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**So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
in hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
we go to do God’s mission! Christ lead us all our days!**

Postlude	<i>Allegro from Sonata in D</i> Joseph Haydn	Rochelle Parker
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Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Sherry Kaye Dobbs (no visitors); Mary Ann Atteberry; Susan Gray; Bryan Garton; Brad Stagg; Tracy Westhoff; Helen Stemmons

Sympathy: Elizabeth “Beth” Nelms passed away at home on Wednesday, October 1. She was 85 years old. Her family plans to celebrate her life with two memorial gatherings—one in Columbia in the near future, and one in Tennessee in the distant future. Details for both services are pending at this time. 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 **Barbara Rothenberger & family** in memory of **Ray Rothenberger**.

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Tracy Fuemmeler

Welcome Station: Steve Humble

Flower Ministry: Anne Crousore

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Paula & C.K. Hoenes

Communion Prep: Laura & Ryan Hunsaker

Greeters: Karen Hobson (N. Door), Jacki Davidson (S. Door),
Trish Stagg (Atrium), Susan Gray (Portico)

AV Team: Cliff Judy

Liturgist: Meg Judy

Deacon Team: The Potthast Team

Elders: C.K. Hoenes, Paula Hoenes, Sarah Storm (Balcony)

Children’s Worship: Hayley Batterson

Offering Counters: Cindy & Doug Smith and Sarah Storm

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, October 5

- 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
- Youth Groups @ Mid-Mo Pride Parade & Pridefest, 12pm, 9th St Entrance
- Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 1:30pm, YFH

Monday, October 6

- Coffman-Watson Restaurant Outing, 12pm, Ozark Biscuit Company

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Ladies' Book Club, 11:30am, Morris Parlor
- **Location Change:** Bible Study, 12pm, **Brad's Office**
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

Saturday, October 11

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, Room at the Inn (1509 Ashley St)

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, Shyrocks Callaway Farms

Mid-Missouri Pride Parade & PrideFest—Sunday, October 5

Mid-Missouri Pride Fest's fourth annual parade is scheduled to begin at noon, beginning at the Armory, heading east on Ash and up 9th Street. This means that 9th street may be closed off for the parade following worship, so consider using the 10th street exit instead. You're also invited to avoid the traffic and road blocks all together by joining the Open & Affirming Department and Youth Groups watch the parade as it passes! Youth Groups will meet at noon for the parade, and then walk to Rose Park to explore PrideFest afterwards.

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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