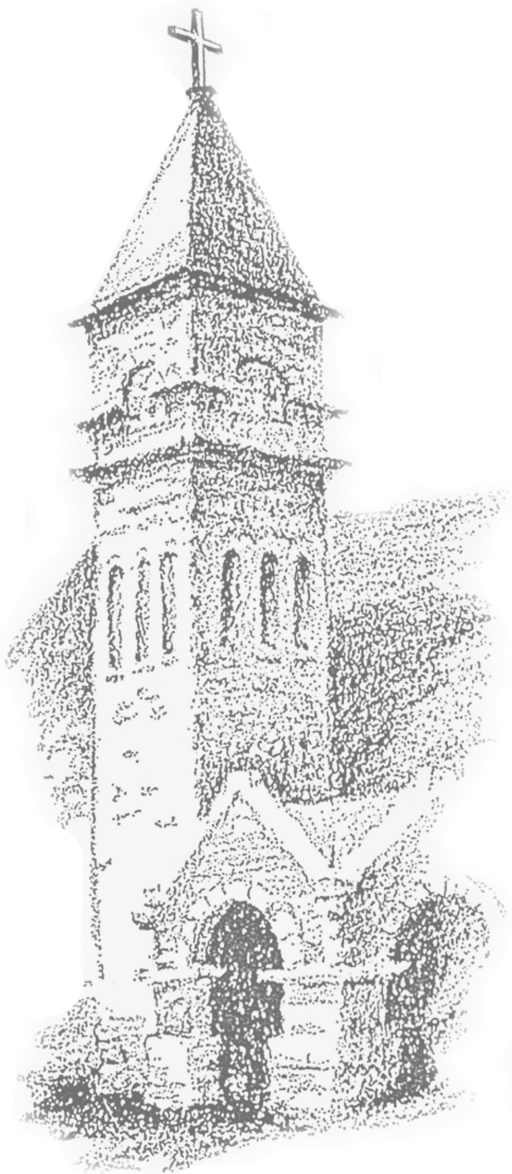


Worship



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



8:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Heaven
Duke Ellington

Travis McFarlane

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

Dr. Stagg

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

The Holy One knows us and sustains us,
even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

Who can count the thoughts of God?

They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Like clay in the hand of the Potter,
we are shared into vessels of divine will.

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Let us pray. **Creator God, You form us on the wheel of life as a potter molds the clay. Shape us into holy vessels, bearing the mark of Your wise crafting, that we may remain strong and useful through years of faithful and sacrificial service in Christ's name. Amen.**

*Hymn #15

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

Proclaiming the Word

The Prayers of the People and the Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Stagg

Special Music

Down to the River to Pray
Spiritual

Travis McFarlane

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (OT p. 720)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Potter and the Clay

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Stagg

*Hymn #588

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Music

Travis McFarlane

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Stagg

Words of Institution

Elder's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Mary Daugherty

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

*Recessional #436

Shalom to You Now

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude

The Old, Old Path
Ida Smith

Travis McFarlane

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Carol & Tom Hughey; Mark Mills; Susan Gray; Debbie Taylor; Deidre Wipke-Tevis & Dan Tevis; Chris Fuemmeler

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 **Karen Hobson** in memory of her sister, Angela (VAIRA) Kyte, who died on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center.

The yellow roses on the organ are in celebration of **Bonnie Fay's** 90th birthday on Tuesday, September 9, **Perry & Helen Stemmons'** 73rd wedding anniversary today, Sunday, September 7, and **Rich & Betty Montgomery's** 61st wedding anniversary on Friday, September 12!

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson

Welcome Station: Steve Humble

Flower Ministry: Mary Daugherty & Karen Hobson

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: The Rogers'

Early Service Helpers: Mary & Laura Daugherty

Elder: Mary Daugherty

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Janelle Patterson



This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, September 7

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee Center
- Annual Church Picnic, 12pm, Cosmo Park (Lamb Shelter)

Monday, September 8

- Coffman-Watson Meeting, 6pm, Sally Robinson's House

Tuesday, September 9

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, September 10

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

Saturday, September 13

- TIDES Pickleball Tournament, 10am-2pm, MUMC

Sunday, September 14

- 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
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

Rides Available! Annual Church Picnic—Sunday, September 7

The annual Church Picnic will be held this afternoon 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! There are still spots available on the church bus if you'd like a ride to the picnic! Can't wait to see you there!

***The Chosen*: Adult Sunday School - Begins Sunday, September 14**

The Adult Sunday School Class will kickoff next Sunday, September 14. They will return their focus to the series *The Chosen* this fall, starting in Season 3. *The Chosen* is a powerful series that brings the Gospels to life by showing the ministry of Jesus through the eyes of the people who encountered Him. Join the Adult SS Class as they kickoff next Sunday with treats at Coffee Hour and then in the Cinema!

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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