



Sunday, January 12, 2025

**Good Morning and Welcome to
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

***We are here to help people know God,
find freedom, discover their purpose,
and make a difference in the community, near and far.***

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey...
You are welcome here.***

Reach Up. Reach Out. Reach In.

PRELUDE

Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda McKee

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

I will be with you.

When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

I will be with you.

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

I will be with you.

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #176

Sing of God Made Manifest

Verse: 1, 2, 4

1

Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and King foretold.

4

Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned
so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

2

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign--
dove-like Spirit, voice divine--
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

OPENING PRAYER

Hilda McKee

Eternal Creator,
at the baptism of Jesus
you revealed him to be your Heir
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit,
Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit
faithful to their calling as your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

Rev. Patrick Crocker

FAITH IN ACTION PRESENTATION

Eric Hays-Strom

PRAYERS

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Chalice Hymnal #381

Take My Gifts

Verse 1 - 3

1

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

2

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humor, laced with laughter--
flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

3

Take whatever I can offer--
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place that I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

Scott Hays-Strom

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-22 (FNV)

SERMON

Rev. Patrick Crocker
Emmanuel

COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #402

According to Thy Gracious Word

Verse 1 - 4

1

According to thy gracious word,
in meek humility,
this will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember thee.

2

The body, broken for my sake,
my bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
and thus remember thee.

3

When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee.

4

I shall remember all thy pain,
and all thy love to me;
when thou shalt come again and reign,
Jesus, remember me.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Rev. Patrick Crocker

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #680

O God of Every Nation

Verse 1, 3

1

O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

3

Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

POSTLUDE

Aletta Wilson

UPCOMING SERVICES

Services are at 10:15 am MST unless otherwise noted.

January 19, 2025

Worship Leader: Esther Devall
Offering: Debby Johnson
Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

January 26, 2025

Worship Leader: Eric Hays-Strom
Offering: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw
Communion: Debby Johnson

February 2, 2025

Worship Leader: Zanté Garcia
Offering: Paul Cook
Communion: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

February 9, 2025

Worship Leader: Sue Bogart
Offering: Deb Cook
Communion: Paul Cook

February 16, 2025

Worship Leader: TBD
Offering: Esther Devall
Communion: Deb Cook

February 23, 2025

Worship Leader: Debby Johnson
Offering: Scott Hays-Strom
Communion: Esther Devall

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If you are visiting us today, we welcome you!

Please come worship with us again!

About First Christian Church

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we celebrate communion weekly. We welcome all to the Lord's table as God has welcomed us.

We are the United Church of Christ, committed to hearing God's ancient story anew and afresh in our lives and in the world today. Why? Because God is still speaking.

We are an Open and Affirming community. In Christ's example, we want to offer all persons, regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, or gender identity the opportunity to discover and develop their gifts of God's love and service.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sun.9:00 am	Bible Study
Sun.10:15 am	Worship Service *
Thu.9:00 am	Spiritual Practices

* Our Hybrid Worship Service is held in-person at the church, and live-streamed via [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#).

MONTHLY EVENTS

First Sun.	11:30 am	Celebrate birthdays in the month
	6:30 pm	Contemplative Worship
First Wed.	6:30 pm	Crafter's Group
Third Sun.	11:30 am	Potluck
Third Wed.	11:30 am	Brown Bag Lunch
Fourth Wed.	6:30 pm	Discussion Group

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