



**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

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



DISCIPLES  
OF CHRIST



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

Zanté Garcia

Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

**We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

**We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

**We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

**We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thank be to God! Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #611

**Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

Verse: 1 - 4

1

Rise up, O saints of God!  
Have done with lesser things.  
give heart and mind and soul and strength  
to serve the King of kings.

3

Rise up, O saints of God!  
The church for you doth wait,  
with strength unequal to the task;  
rise up, and make it great.

2

Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom tarries long.  
bring in the day of righteousness,  
and end the night of wrong.

4

Lift high the cross of Christ;  
tread where Christ's feet have trod;  
come sisters, brothers in the faith,  
rise up, O saints of God.

## OPENING PRAYER

Zanté Garcia

In a cynical and despairing world,  
O God,  
    give us a quietly prophetic voice  
    to proclaim your hope.

In a violent and angry world,  
O God,  
    give us a quietly prophetic voice  
    to proclaim your peace.

In a dismissive and disinterested world,  
O God,  
    give us a quietly prophetic voice  
    to proclaim your compassion.

In a lonely and inhospitable world,  
O God,  
    give us a quietly prophetic voice  
    to proclaim your love.

In a grieving and weeping world,  
O God,  
    give us a quietly prophetic voice  
    to proclaim your joy.

May we be so captivated by your hope,  
O God,  
    that we cannot help but to whisper,  
    to sing, and to enact,  
    the message of your reign  
    which is always coming into our  
    world;

And may our quietly prophetic lives  
    be channels of your restoring grace  
    wherever we may go.  
Amen.

## PASS THE PEACE

Rev. Patrick Crocker

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

### HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Chalice Hymnal #470

When the Church of Jesus

Verse 2, 3

2

If our hearts are lifted where devotion soars  
    high above this hungry, suffering world of ours:  
lest our hymns should drug us to forget its needs,  
forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.

3

Lest the gifts we offer, money, talents, time,  
serve to salve our conscience, to our secret shame:  
    Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way you give;  
    teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.

## **CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE**

**Paul Cook**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Joyful Noise Choir**

**Woke Up This Morning**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 4:21-30 (Cotton Patch)**

### **SERMON**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

Honor at Home

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**Chalice Hymnal #387**

**Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken**

**Verse 1 - 2**

**1**

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,  
wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
by whom the words of life were spoken,  
and in whose death our sins are dead:

**2**

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
look on the tears by sinners shed,  
and be thy feast to us the token  
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Melissa McKenzy-Shaw**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

### **GOING FORTH HYMN**

**Chalice Hymnal #658**

**Restless Weaver**

**Verse 1, 4**

**1**

Restless Weaver, ever spinning  
threads of justice and shalom;  
dreaming patterns of creation  
where all creatures find a home;  
  
gathering up life's varied fibers—  
every texture, every hue:  
grant us your creative vision.  
With us weave your world anew.

**4**

Restless Weaver, still conceiving  
new life—now and yet to be—  
binding all your vast creation  
in one living tapestry:  
  
you have called us to be weavers.  
Let your love guide all we do.  
With your Reign of Peace our pattern,  
we will weave your world anew.

## **POSTLUDE**

**Aletta Wilson**

## UPCOMING SERVICES

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

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### February 9, 2025

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

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### March 2, 2025

**Worship Leader:** Melody Burns  
**Offering:** Zanté Garcia  
**Communion:** Scott Hays-Strom

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### February 16, 2025

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

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### March 9, 2025

**Worship Leader:** Jeanne Knotts  
**Offering:** TBD  
**Communion:** Zanté Garcia

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### February 23, 2025

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

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### March 16, 2025

**Worship Leader:** Deb Cook  
**Offering:** Paul Cook  
**Communion:** TBD

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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

<b>Sun.9:00 am</b>	Bible Study
<b>Sun.10:15 am</b>	Worship Service *
<b>Wed.9:00am</b>	Men's Breakfast(University IHOP)
<b>Thu.9:00 am</b>	Spiritual Practices

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

### MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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