

Sunday, January 25th, 2026



Reach Up

Reach In

Reach Out

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.

Welcome to First Christian Church



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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Deb Cook

Please join in the responsive Call to Worship, with everyone giving voice to the bold text as found in this bulletin and on the screens.

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God!
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise.....Chalice Hymnal #66
Verses 1 & 4

1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

4

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

UNISON PRAYER.....Esther Devall

God of all creation,
who called every being into life,
who is mindful of Creation in all its diversity,
who embodies us with dignity,
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world,
we ask for your Spirit to unite us
where we face lack of understanding and disunity.

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor,
from meeting your varied children with respect.

God of all creation,
in Christ, we are reconciled,
and so we ask for your uniting Spirit
to help us overcome all our divisions
that we may live out peace. Amen.



PASS THE PEACE.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Now Thank We All Our God.....Chalice Hymnal #715
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices,
who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills of this world in the next.

3

All praise and thanks to God the Father and our Mother,
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.



CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Paul Cook

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Joyful Noise Choir
Woke Up This Morning

SCRIPTURE.....Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (Inclusive Bible)

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker
In the Deep Midwinter

COMMUNION HYMN

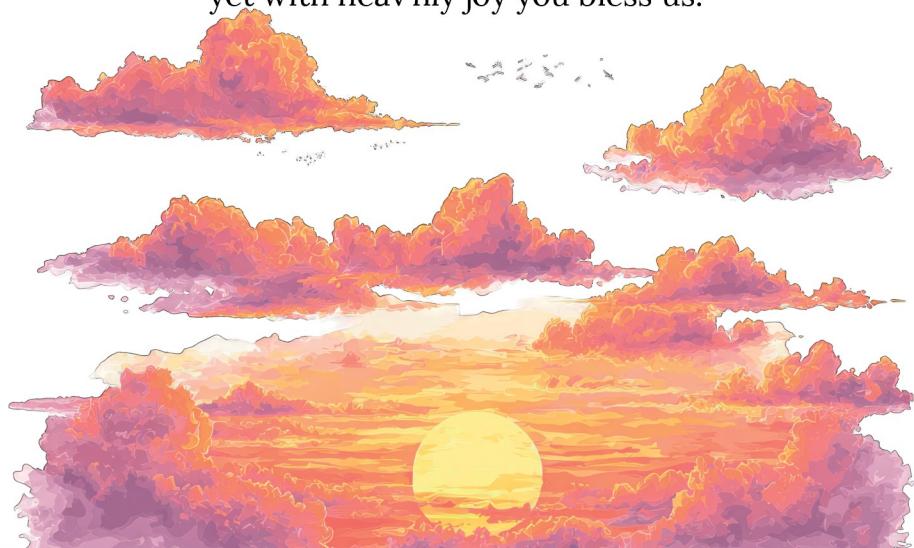
O Morning Star.....Chalice Hymnal #105
Verses 1 & 2

1

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own
truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy! Come shine on us, O heaven's sun;
our only Savior you have won our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2

Come, heav'nly brightness, light divine, and deep within our
hearts now shine;
there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be
as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and
distress us,
yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Zanté García

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN

Go My Children, With My Blessing.....Chalice Hymnal #431
Verses 1 & 3

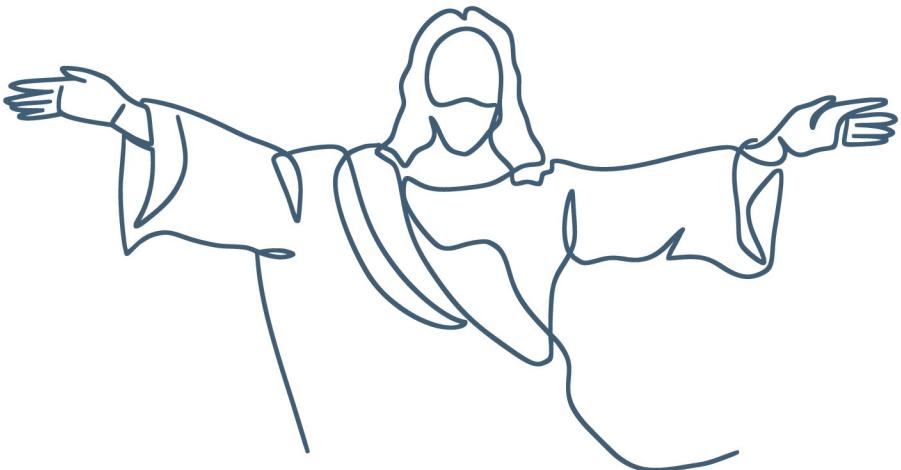
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Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone;
waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own;
in my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine for ever,
go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.

3

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you;
go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

POSTLUDE.....Aletta Wilson

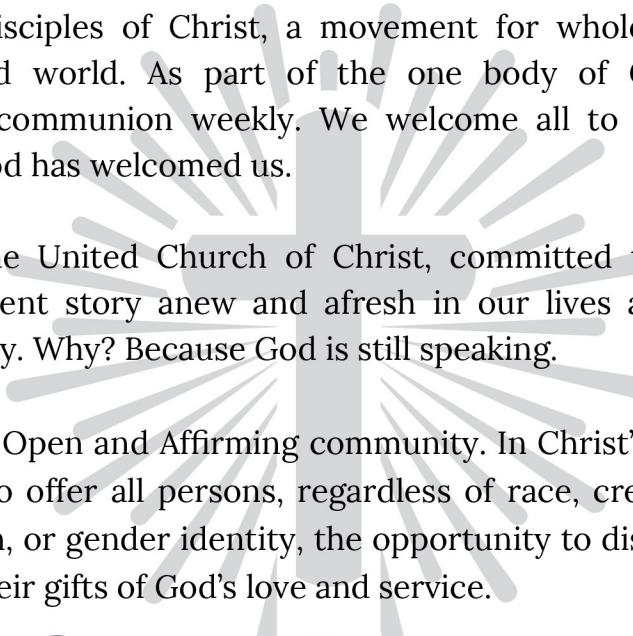


ABOUT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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.



Welcome

If you are visiting us today, we welcome you!

Please come worship with us again!

Global Ministries is supported by both DOC and UCC.

For more information, visit globalministries.org.

To assist with global crisis relief efforts, please visit:

DoC: www.weekofcompassion.org

UCC: www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bible StudySunday, 9 AM
Worship Service*Sunday, 10:15 AM
Men's Breakfast (at University IHOP)Wednesday, 9AM
Spiritual PracticesThursday, 9 AM

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

Celebrate Birthdays of the MonthFirst Sunday, 11:30 AM
Contemplative WorshipFirst Sunday, 6:30 PM
PotluckThird Sunday, 11:30 AM
Brown Bag LunchThird Wednesday, 11:30 AM

STAY IN TOUCH

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UPCOMING SERVICES

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

February 1, 2026

Worship Leader: Zanté García

Offering: Debby Johnson

Communion: Paul Cook

February 8, 2026

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Offering: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: Debby Johnson

February 15, 2026

Worship Leader: Debby Johnson

Offering: Sue Bogart

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

February 22, 2026

Worship Leader: Eric Hays-Strom

Offering: Debby Johnson

Communion: Sue Bogart

NOTICE:

Anyone allergic/sensitive to scents is welcome to use the single stall bathroom across the hall from the main bathroom