

Sunday, October 11, 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



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Jeanne Knotts

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.

Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

GATHERING HYMN

I Come With Joy.....Chalice Hymnal #420
Verses 1, 3, & 5

1

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

UNISON PRAYER.....Jeanne Knotts

Ever-Present God, source of every blessing, your generous
goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit
lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your
benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Heir,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

FAITH IN ACTION.....Karen Vance, Al-Anon

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

Lord's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come.

We pray that your good will be done.

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need;
give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one.

Lead us into holy innocence beyond the evil of our days --

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen. (Parker Palmer)

Doxology:

Praise God, who fills each cup and plate,
Whose table's wide and love is great.
From broken bread, may all be fed,
And justice rise where fear has spread.
Amen.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.....Chalice Hymnal #2
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Rev. Patrick Crocker
SCRIPTURE.....Philippians 4:1-9 (FNV)
SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker
Dance With Joy



COMMUNION HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life.....Chalice Hymnal #323
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.

Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;
beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all, wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life.

All so freely given, wooing us, to heaven;
beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

3

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever;
beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Deb Cook

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

GOING FORTH HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other.....Chalice Hymnal #487
Verses 1 & 3

1

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.

3

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

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!

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DoC: www.weekofcompassion.org

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bible Study.....	Sunday, 9 AM
Worship Service*	Sunday, 10:15 AM
Men's Breakfast (at University IHOP).....	Wednesday, 9AM
Spiritual Practices.....	Thursday, 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 Month.....	First Sunday, 11:30 AM
Contemplative Worship.....	First Sunday, 6:30 PM
Potluck.....	Third Sunday, 11:30 AM
Brown Bag Lunch.....	Third Wednesday, 11:30 AM

STAY IN TOUCH

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UPCOMING SERVICES

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

October 18th, 2026

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Offering: Rev. Patrick Crocker

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

October 25th, 2026

Worship Leader: Hilda McKee

Offering: Esther Devall

Communion: Rev. Patrick Crocker

November 1st, 2026

Worship Leader: Karen Holmes

Offering: Sue Bogart

Communion: Paul Cook

November 8th, 2026

Worship Leader: Deb Cook

Offering: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: Sue Bogart

NOTICE:

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