

Sunday, November 1st, 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



DISCIPLES
OF CHRIST



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Karen Holmes

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.

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:

We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.

We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:

We belong to God, and through God, we are healed to love one another.

Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.

We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints.....Chalice Hymnal #637
Verses 1, 3, & 5

1

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
They name O Jesus, before ever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3

O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

5

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER.....Karen Holmes

God, our Teacher, please instruct us in the ways of humility and love. Help us to live in community with one another rather than in competition with each other. Give us your heart for serving our neighbor. Assure us of your abiding presence and release us from the hierarchies of this world. May your kin-dom come with power and gentleness as we strive to live as embodied witnesses of the good news in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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

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

We Are Not Our Own.....Chalice Hymnal #689
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

1

We are not our own. Earth forms us,
human leaves on nature's growing vine,
fruit of many generations,
seeds of life divine.

2

We are not alone. Earth names us:
past and present, peoples near and far,
family and friends and strangers
show us who we are.

4

Therefore let us make thanksgiving,
and with justice, willing and aware,
give to earth, and all things living,
liturgies of care.

5

And if love's encounters lead us
On a way uncertain and unknown,
All the saints with prayers surround us:
We are not alone.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Sue Bogart

SCRIPTURE.....1 Thessalonians 2:9-13



LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember
that we too are living saints,
members of the family of God
with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.
And so, we proclaim:

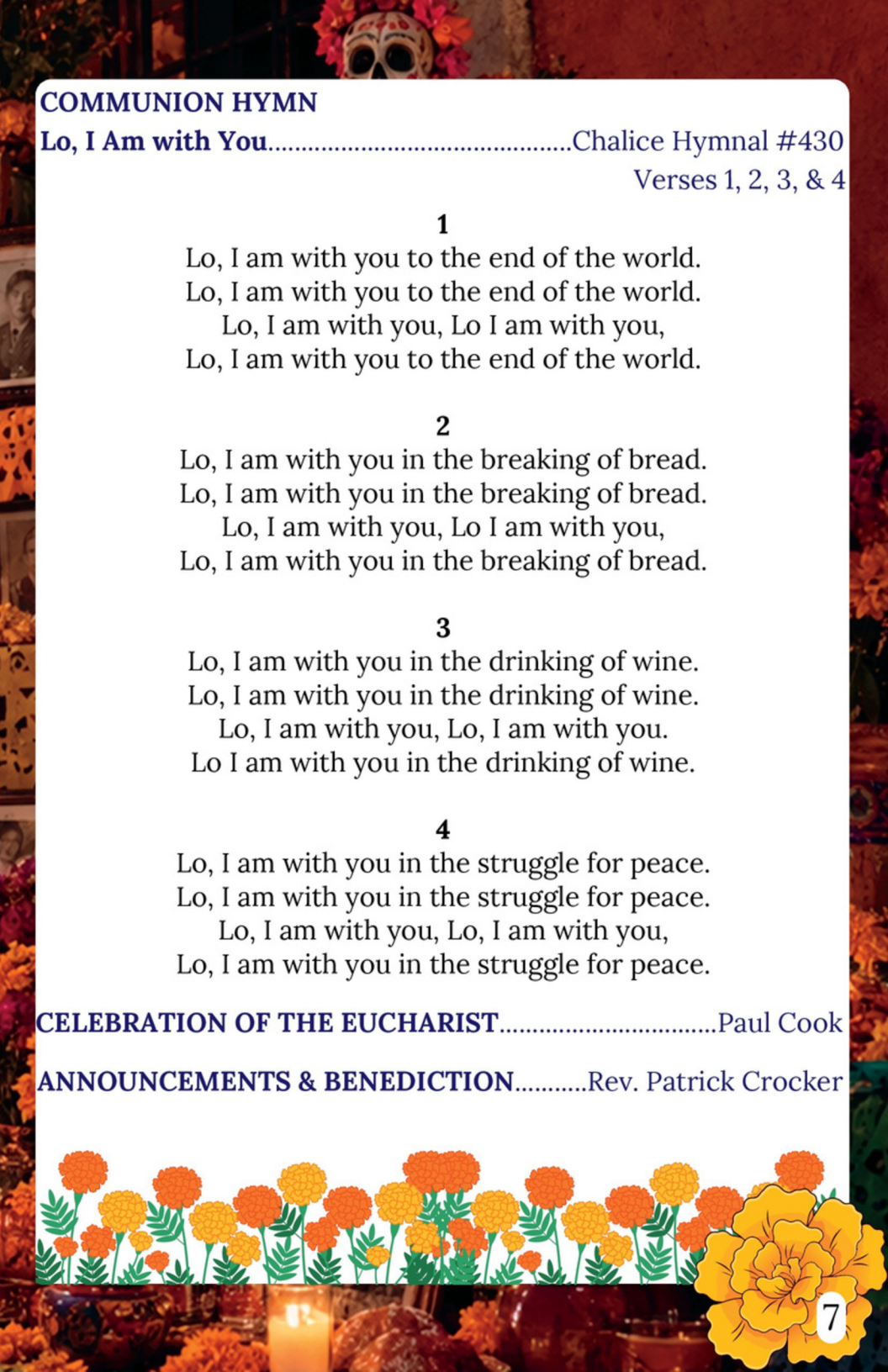
**We are God's children,
witnesses of God's word that is at work in us
and in the saints who have gone before.**

**Today and every day,
may we put on Christ and live as saints
who tend the poor,
comfort the mourners,
learn from the meek,
affirm those who seek righteousness,
offer mercy alongside the merciful,
and work for peace with the peacemakers
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast as the family of God
at Christ's heavenly banquet. Amen.**

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

Cloud of Witnesses





COMMUNION HYMN

Lo, I Am with You.....Chalice Hymnal #430
Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4

1

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
Lo, I am with you, Lo I am with you,
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.

2

Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread.
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread.
Lo, I am with you, Lo I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread.

3

Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine.
Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine.
Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you.
Lo I am with you in the drinking of wine.

4

Lo, I am with you in the struggle for peace.
Lo, I am with you in the struggle for peace.
Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the struggle for peace.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Paul Cook

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



GOING FORTH HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other.....Chalice Hymnal #487

Verses 1, 2, & 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

**Día de Los
MUERTOS**



November 2026



November 1st

All Saints Day
National Family Literacy Day

November 2nd

All Souls Day

November 5th

National Donut Day

November 7th

National Play Outside Day

November 11th

Veterans Day

November 15th

National Philanthropy Day

November 17th

National Take a Hike Day



November 26th

Thanksgiving Day



November 27th

National Day of Listening



November 27th

National Native American Heritage Day





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.



If you are visiting us today, we welcome you!

Please come worship with us again!

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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 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.

November 8th, 2026

Worship Leader: Deb Cook

Offering: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: Sue Bogart

November 15th, 2026

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Offering: Deb Cook

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

November 22, 2026

Worship Leader: Eric Hays-Strom

Offering: Paul Cook

Communion: Deb Cook

November 29th, 2026

Worship Leader: Karen Holmes

Offering: Rev. Patrick Crocker

Communion: Paul Cook

NOTICE:

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