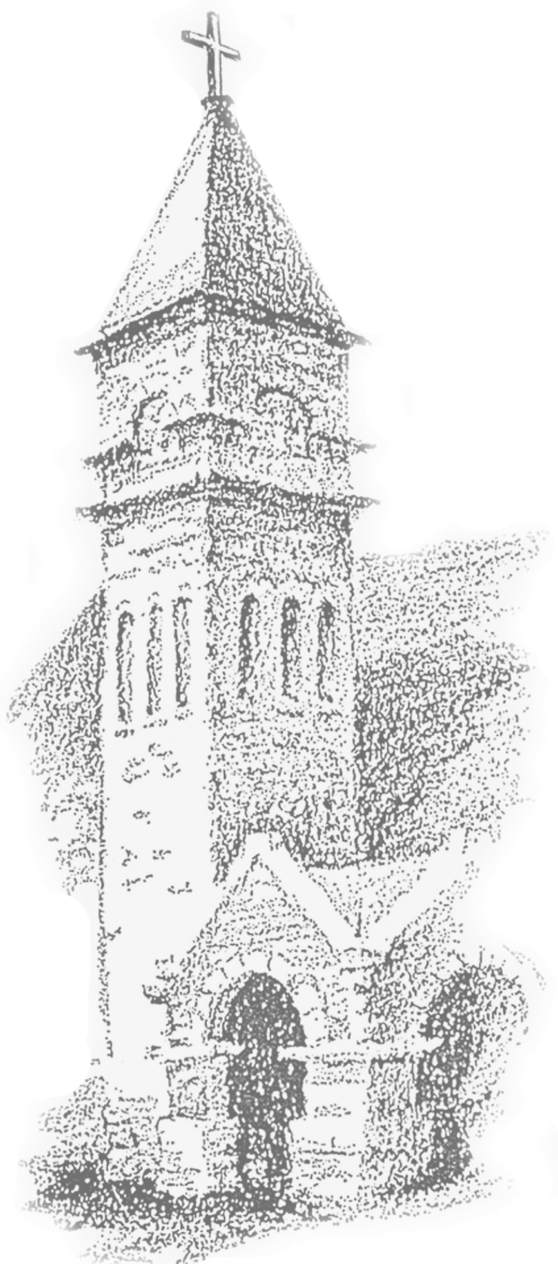


Worship



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026



9:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Aria from Samson and Delilah
Camille Saint-Saens

Rochelle Parker

Litany of Praise (the people read the **bold**)

Jessica Humble

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord -

**Outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers,
the young, the old, and the in-between.**

Come as you are, for this is God's house -

A house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who comes.

*Hymn #18

All People That on Earth Dwell
(same tune as the Doxology)

*Invocation (the people read the **bold**)

Jessica Humble

Let us pray. **With open arms You welcome all who call on Your name,
who acknowledge You as Lord, and look to You in faith. No one
stands outside the circle of Your mercy and love. So we come
offering our worship— to declare that You are our God, and that we
are Your people, called and chosen by You from the very beginning.
Through the presence of Your Holy Spirit open our eyes to see You
here; open our minds to receive Your truth, and our mouths to speak
and sing Your praise. For You alone are God— worthy of all praise
and worship, now and to the end of time. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #35

Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment

Stacy Silverwood

(see the "notes" section of the bulletin for Children's Worship information)

The Prayers of the People

Dr. Stagg

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NT p. 160-161)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

We Can Be Kind
David Friedman

Ryan Stem

Sermon

God's Irrevocable Gifts & Calling

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #72

To God Be the Glory

Invitation to Stewardship

Madi Myers & Topher Otake

Offertory Music

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn #537 (v.1-3)

My Hope is Built

Prayer for Offerings

Allie Schomaker

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer

Hayley Batterson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Our time of communion is open to all followers of Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Pass the trays to the middle of the pew, then back to the deacon. Hold the elements in the cups for unison partaking at the minister's invitation. **Gluten free** communion elements can be found in the Narthex. All communion elements are **non-alcoholic**.*

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Dr. Stagg

Departing in Service and Joy

Benediction

*Recessional #537 (v. 4)

My Hope is Built

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Postlude

Just Over in the Glory Land

Travis McFarlane

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Mary Ann Atteberry; Carol Slusher; Steve Humble; Pat Wright; Ryan Stem

A longer prayer list of ongoing requests is on the yellow sheets in the narthex. Requests for prayer may be submitted via the yellow cards in the narthex, e-mailed or called into the church office.

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Fred Mottaz** in honor of family August birthdays!

Our Mission: *To know God and follow Jesus Christ*

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Debbie Potthast

Welcome Station: Carrie Batterson

Flower Ministry: Mary Daugherty & Fred Mottaz

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Shannon & Scott Schaefer

Communion Prep: Barbara & Tiger Li

Greeters: David Potthast (N. Door), Carrie Batterson (S. Door),
Debbie Potthast (Atrium), Rebecca Bailey (Portico)

AV Team: Cliff Judy

Liturgist: Jessica Humble

Deacon Team: The Underwood Team

Elders: Allie Schomaker, Hayley Batterson, Tracy Evers (Balcony)

Children's Worship: Stacy Silverwood

Offering Counters: Jean Juba and Janelle Patterson



Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, September 13

8:30 & 10:30 Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship,
Sunday School & Youth Group

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, August 16

- Summer Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Worship, 9:30am, Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 18

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, August 19

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom

Thursday, August 20

- **COMBINED** Bell Choir & Chancel Choir (**Guest Night!**), 6-7pm, 3rd Floor

Sunday, August 23

- Summer Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
 - Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
 - Worship & Blessing of the Backpacks, 9:30am, Sanctuary
 - Back to School Bash, 11am-1pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall
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Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells Guest Night - August 20

Mark your calendar for Combined **GUEST NIGHT** with Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells on Thursday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. on the third floor! Our rehearsals are filled with laughter, joy, and people enjoying each other's company! If that sounds good to you, consider joining one of our vibrant music communities or trying them out next week! **Questions?** Ask a choir member or Topher Otake.

Blessing of the Backpacks—Sunday, August 23

All teachers, students, and backpack wearers are invited to join us in worship on Sunday, August 23 for the Blessing of the Backpacks! Bring your backpack or work bag with you to worship for a blessing, and we'll have special tags for you to take with you. A special **Back-To-School Bash** will be held after worship with games, a special guest (think 7-foot tall giant dinosaur), and lunch. We are looking for volunteers to help serve lunch or run game stations—please contact **Stacy Silverwood** (stacy@firstchristian.org) for more information!

Save the Date! Church Picnic - Sunday, September 27

The Fellowship Committee isn't slowing down at all this summer! The date has been set for the annual church picnic. This year's picnic will be held on Sunday, September 27 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. This year's picnic will be held at Albert Oakland Park. We hope you'll join us for this fun fellowship opportunity!



WELCOME

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are with us. Please take a moment to visit our website, firstchristian.org to find out more about the ministry and mission of First Christian Church. Feel free to say hello to a host at the *Welcome Station* in the Narthex following worship and receive a folder of church-related information.

During Worship: Afghans, large print hymnals and children's bulletins with crayons are available from a greeter or are found on the shelf in the narthex. Hearing devices are available in the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Please talk to the AV Team if you need assistance.

Children: A nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten-aged children. Our nursery is staffed by Mother's Day Out teachers from 9:15am until pickup following the service.

Children's Worship: Following the Children's Moment in 9:30 worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to go with leaders to the 3rd floor of the Education Bldg. for their own worship time followed by constructive craft, reading and play time. Parents need to pick up children from the 3rd floor following worship.

Christian Education: Christian Education for all ages is held during the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings from Labor Day—early May. Children (grades K-5) and youth (grades 6-12) meet on the third floor of the Education Building. Adults meet in the Cinema on the third floor of the Education Building.

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