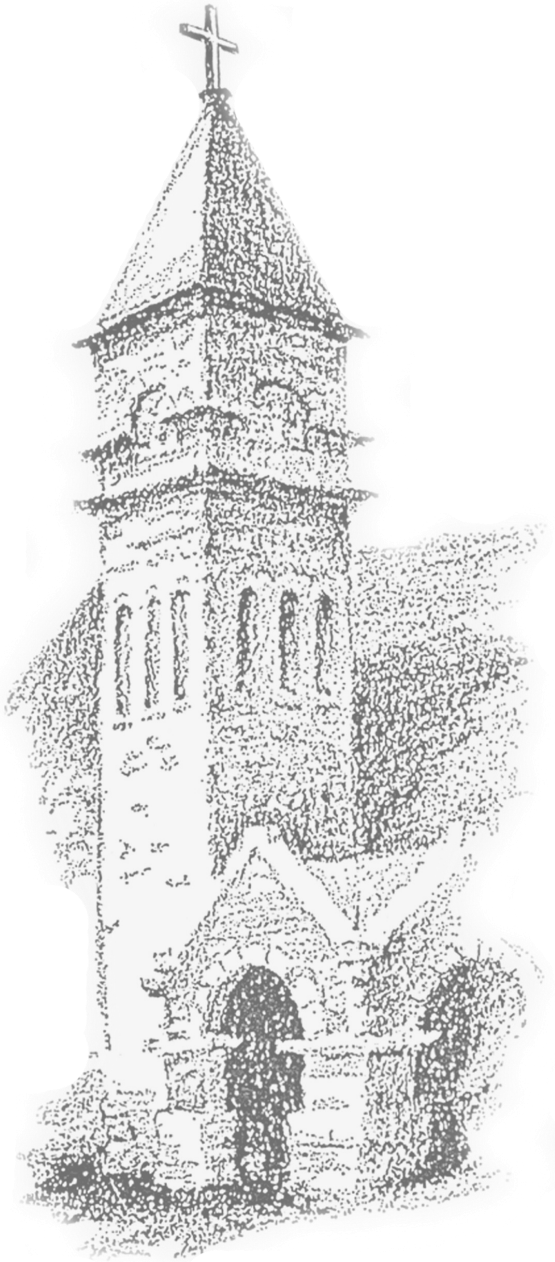


Worship



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026



9:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Rochelle Parker

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

Dan Gieseke

The Lord sows His seed among us, but do we let it take root and grow?

God scatters His love generously; we come seeking fertile hearts.

Let us welcome the Lord's message with joy,
that it may yield a rich harvest in our lives.

Open our ears to hear, and our souls to understand Your Word.

Come, let us worship the Seed-scattering God!

*Hymn #97

Fairest Lord Jesus

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

Dan Gieseke

Let us pray. **Come among us, O God, to give us ears that do not fail to hear, to give us eyes that do not fail to see, and to give us hearts that do not fail to respond. Make us soil, which receives the seeds of truth that we might bear fruit abundantly for Your kingdom. 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: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NT p. 13-14)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

For Everyone Born
arr. Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir

Sermon

The Sower and the Seed

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #337

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Stagg

Offertory Music

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn #395

Seed, Scattered and Sown

Prayer for Offerings

Paula Slusher

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer

Becky Baumgartner

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 #441

Peace Be Upon You

Peace be upon you and guard you forever.

Go in the knowledge that God is with you.

Postlude

Rochelle Parker

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Carol Hughey; Erin Perry

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 **Mike & Carole Randerson** in honor of the wedding of our first born grandson, Alex Randerson, to Gwyneth Wagner!

The **yellow rose** on the organ is in celebration of **Bud & Deb Batterson's** 62nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 18!

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Carrie Batterson

Welcome Station: Cliff & Meg Judy

Flower Ministry: Mary Daugherty & Karen Hobson

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Kim & Hartley Rogers

Communion Prep: Hayley & Ryley Batterson

Greeters: Dan Gieseke (N. Door), Holly Gieseke (S. Door),
Chuck Scott (Atrium), Bud Batterson (Portico)

AV Team: Cliff Judy

Liturgist: Dan Gieseke

Deacon Team: The Judy Team

Elders: Paula Slusher, Becky Baumgartner, Fred Mottaz (Balcony)

Children's Worship: Stacy Silverwood

Offering Counters: Jennifer Alexander and Sarah Storm

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 23

BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS



This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, July 12

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

Tuesday, July 14

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

Wednesday, July 15

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom

Thursday, July 16

Chancel Bells On Vacation (Returning August 13)

Sunday, July 19

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

Baby Dedication of Harrison Hunsaker—Sunday, July 19

Harrison Hunsaker will be dedicated on Sunday, July 19 during worship at 9:30 a.m. Join us and celebrate one of our youngest FCCers!



FCC Supper Club—Thursday, July 23

Join the FCC Supper Club for a dinner out with friends! The FCC Supper Club is an opportunity for young adults and young families to go out for dinner with one another with the benefit of provided childcare for the evening. Supper Club will meet at Endwell Taverna at 6pm (childcare drop off at 5:45pm) on Thursday, July 23 - please RSVP to Katie Carrier (katiecarrier1422@gmail.com) if you'd like to join or need childcare!

Special Recognition Awards—Sunday, August 2

Our annual Special Recognition Awards will be handed out during worship on Sunday, August 2. Please join us to celebrate and recognize those who serve our church in so many ways!

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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