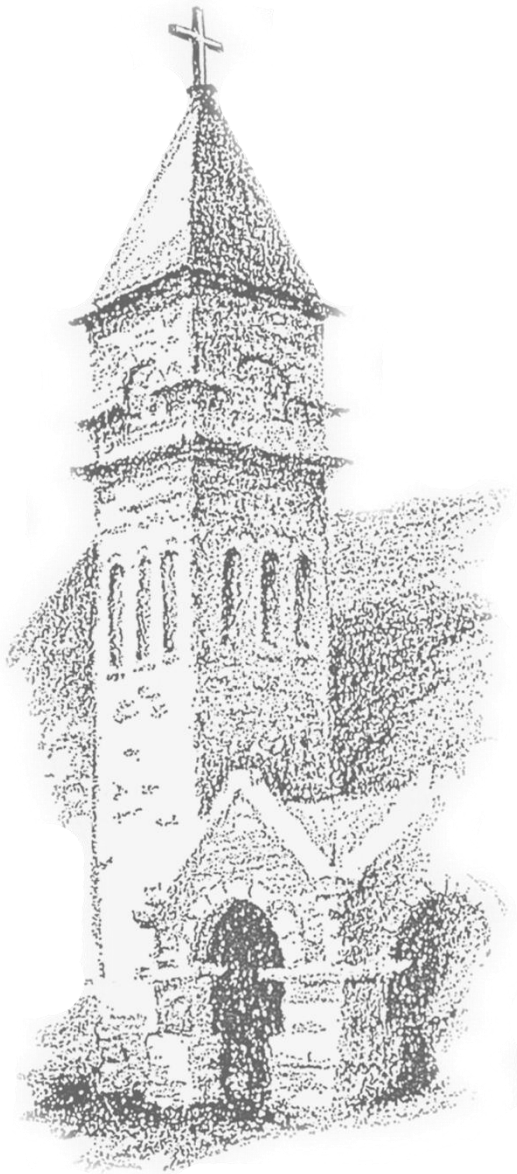


Worship



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026



10:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

*Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Meditation: Lord, Speak to Me
Robert Schumann

Rochelle Parker

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

Meg Judy

Though earthly rulers rise and fall, and powers of this world
demand our allegiance, God is the Lord of all life.

**We come to worship the One who formed us in His image
and breathes life into our souls.**

Coins bear the stamp of empires, but we bear the stamp of heaven.
Whose image do we carry?

**We belong to God! Our hearts, love,
and breath are gifts from God's hands.**

Come, let us give back to God what belongs to God.

Let us offer our whole selves in praise and joyful service.

With grateful hearts, we come to worship our God together!

*Hymn #25

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

Meg Judy

Let us Pray: **Loving God, we offer You our respect, our love, and our
obedience. We want to give You what is Yours. We want to give
You our whole selves. We want to serve You with our whole heart
to make a difference in this world. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 22:15-22 (NT p.24-25)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Still, My Soul, Be Still
arr. James Koerts

Chancel Choir

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #382

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Stagg

Offertory Music

Rochelle Parker

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Stagg

Communion Hymn #429

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Prayer for Offerings

Eric Seaman

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 #480 (v. 3)

I Love to Tell the Story

**I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems,
each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.**

**I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of
salvation from God's own holy word. I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

Postlude

Toccata from Suite Gothique
Leon Boëllmann

Rochelle Parker

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Marilyn Schappert; Mary Ann Atteberry; Joe & Sharidan Holloway; President Toby Arquette; Susan Klockow; Brenda & Amy Mosby; Donaleigh Richardson

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 for this morning are given by **Joyce & Bragg Stanley** in loving memory of Joyce's mom, Marie Nothdurft, who taught us to love reading.

The **yellow rose** on the organ is in celebration of **Bob Dixson's** 92nd birthday on Friday, October 23!

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Carole Harris-Randerson

Welcome Station: TBD

Flower Ministry: Dave & Debbie Potthast

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Larry & Peggy Veatch

Communion Prep: Vicki & Alex Johnson

Greeters: Debbie Potthast (N. Door), Susan Gray (S. Door),
Jacki Davidson (Atrium), Trish Stagg (Portico)

AV Team: Cliff Judy

Liturgist: Meg Judy

Deacon Team: The Underwood Team

Elders: Eric Seaman, Hayley Batterson, Dan Tevis (Balcony)

Children's Worship: Shannon & Scott Schaefer

Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Sarah Storm

Save the date
ALTHEA W. AND JOHN A. SCHIFFMAN
Ethics in Society
Lecture
OCTOBER 29, 2026
5:30 p.m.
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COLUMBIA COLLEGE | 1001 ROGERS ST. | COLUMBIA, MO

BART EHRLMAN

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, October 18

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hour
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Youth Group: Shyrock's Corn Maze, Leave FCC at 3:45pm

Tuesday, October 20

No Tuesday Bible Study or Staff Meeting

- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, October 21

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Stewardship & Finance Department, 5:30pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

Thursday, October 22

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

Saturday, October 24

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, Waypoint Shelter (1304 Bowling St)

Sunday, October 25

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hour
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm, Parking Lot

Breakfast for Our Brethren—Saturdays in October

Breakfast for Our Brethren is finally back! FCC serves breakfast every Saturday morning throughout the month of October at the Waypoint Shelter at the Opportunity Campus. Sign-ups to volunteer or donate food are in the Narthex.

DATE CHANGE! Fall Church Work Day – Saturday, October 31

Join us on Saturday, October 31 from 9:00 a.m. until noon for our fall church workday to clean up, spruce up and shape up after a very tough summer growing season! Please text Mike Randerson (573-424-4858) if you plan to join.

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 25

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held next weekend on Sunday, October 25 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We are still looking for **four** more trunks to participate – please contact **Stacy Silverwood** if you're interested! We're collecting candy donations for our trunks in a bin outside of the Church Office.

Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 14

Save the date for our annual Christmas Bazaar! This year's Bazaar will be Saturday, November 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Information about volunteering that morning and the week leading up to the Bazaar will be in upcoming newsletters.

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 8:15am until pickup following the service.

Children's Worship: Following the Children's Moment in 10:30 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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