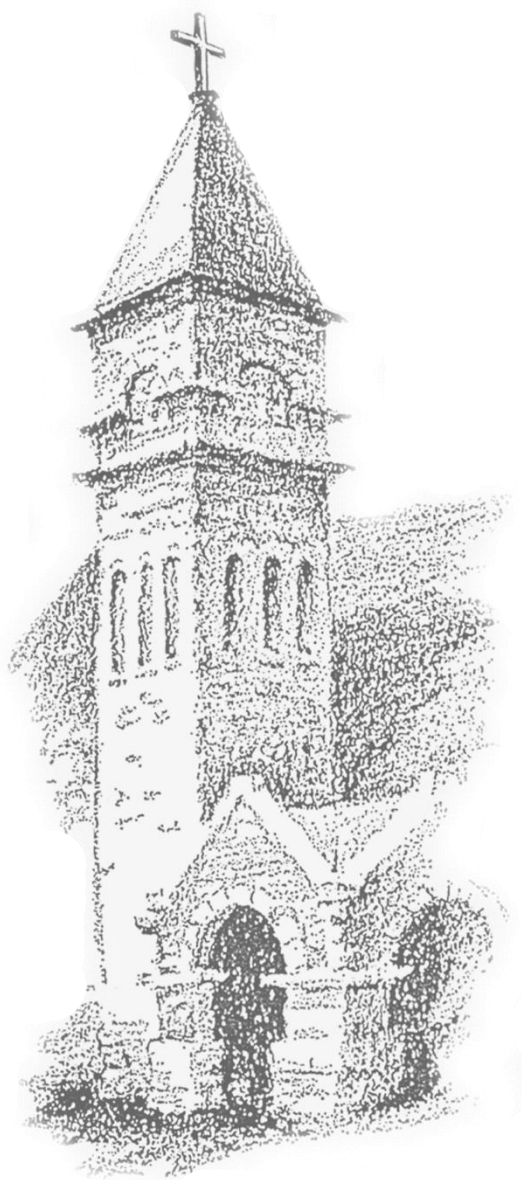


Worship



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 2026



10:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

*Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. Bach

Rochelle Parker

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

Tracy Evers

God calls us to be people of love.

God does not mean the “syrupey” stuff of movies and novels.

True love can sometimes be difficult, sacrificial.

Yet we are called to reach beyond the difficult with compassion.

In all of this, God is with us, guiding and helping us.

Thanks be to God for God's faithful presence.

*Hymn #611

Rise Up, O Saints of God

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

Tracy Evers

Let us Pray: **Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we gather to hear Your Word. Open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is most difficult. Give us the courage to be people who commit our whole lives in Your service. For we ask this in Jesus' name. 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 22:34-46 (NT p.25)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Anthem

I Love You, Lord
Laurie Klein & Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

Sermon

The Greatest Commandment(s)

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #99

O, How I Love Jesus

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Stagg

Offertory Music

Rochelle Parker

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Stagg

Communion Hymn #477

Pass It On

Prayer for Offerings

Bryan Garton

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer

Debbie Garton

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 #707 (v. 1)

Marching to Zion

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

Postlude

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor
J.S. Bach

Rochelle Parker

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Susan Klockow; Brenda & Amy Mosby; Donaleigh Richardson; Bob Dixon; Jill Anderson; Jane Ann Hackett

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 **Ben & Katie Carrier** in honor of **James'** 6th birthday on Wednesday, October 28!

The **red rose** on the organ celebrates the birth of **Charli Marguerite Tallman** born on Monday, October 19 to parents **Troy and Taylor (Humble) Tallman** and grandparents **Steve & Jessica Humble!**

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Carla Tanzey

Welcome Station: TBD

Flower Ministry: Paula Hoenes

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Kathy Ramser

Communion Prep: Tracy & Steve Evers

Greeters: Cindy Smith (N. Door), Doug Smith (S. Door),
Janelle Patterson (Portico)

AV Team: Chris Fuemmeler

Liturgist: Tracy Evers

Deacon Team: The Hunsaker Team

Elders: Bryan Garton, Debbie Garton, Janelle Patterson (Balcony)

Children's Worship: Stacy Silverwood

Offering Counters: Jennifer Alexander and Deb Batterson



This Week in the Life of the Church

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

Monday, October 26

- Loaves & Fishes, 4-6:30pm, Waypoint Shelter (1304 Bowling St)

Tuesday, October 27

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor
- Drennan Meeting, 1pm, Lenoir Woods
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

- Schiffman Ethics in Society Lecture, 5:30pm, Columbia College Launer Auditorium
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

Saturday, October 31

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, Waypoint Shelter (1304 Bowling St)
- Fall Church Work Day, 9am-12pm, Parking Lot

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Sunday • Daylight Savings Time Ends

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hour
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- CYF & College: W2 & Taxes Info, 5pm

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 25

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held this afternoon, Sunday, October 25 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We're still collecting candy donations for our trunks in a bin outside of the Church Office up until the event begins to share candy with our trunks and visitors!

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.

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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