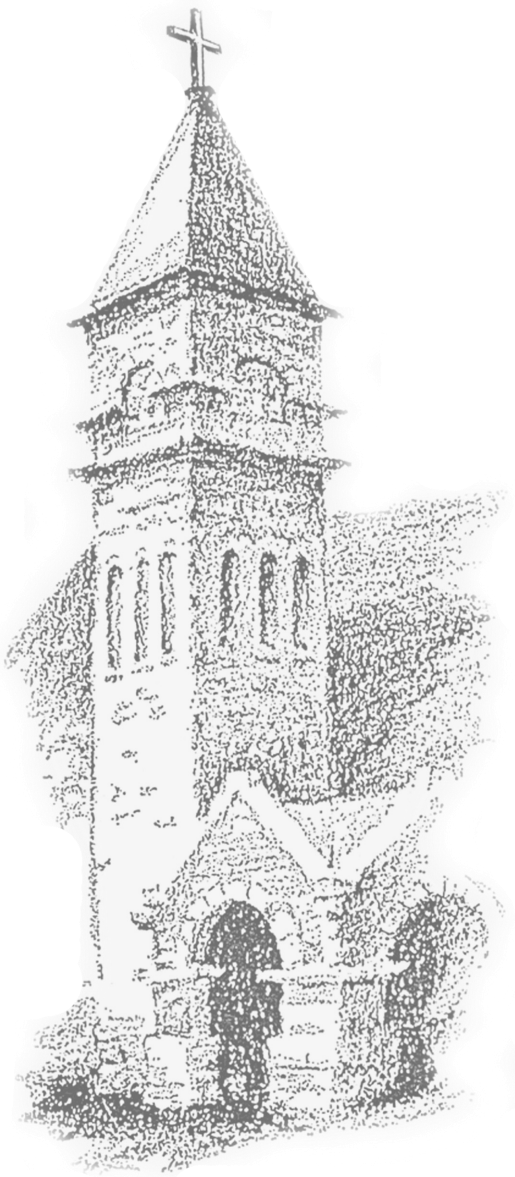


Worship



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



8:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude *For Beauty of Meadows* Travis McFarlane

Litany of Praise (the people read the **bold**) Dr. Stagg

Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

Lord, come into our hearts this day.

Having received God's mercy, share that love with others.

Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives.

Let us pray. **Lord, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for Your word to us. Remind us that You are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in Your presence, so that we may go into Your world ready to witness to Your love through our words and deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

*Hymn #5 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Proclaiming the Word

The Prayers of the People and the Pastoral Prayer Dr. Stagg

Special Music *The Beautiful Garden of Prayer* Travis McFarlane
J. Fillmore

Scripture: Philippians 1:21-30 (NT p. 196-197)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Standing Firm* Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship Dr. Stagg

*Hymn #463 *Renew Your Church*

Invitation to Stewardship Dr. Stagg

Offertory Music

Travis McFarlane

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Stagg

Words of Institution

Elder’s Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Eric Seaman

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 #610 (v. 3)

Living for Jesus

**Living for Jesus through earth’s little while, my dearest treasure—
the light of his smile; seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,
bringing the weary to find rest in him. O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
I give myself to thee, for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne, my life I give,
henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.**

Postlude

People Get Ready
C. Mayfield

Travis McFarlane

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Dana Heavin; Carol Hughey; Marilyn Schappert

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 **Chuck & Emily Scott** in memory of **Charles & Lorena Scott**.

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

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Rebecca Bailey

Welcome Station: Carrie Batterson

Flower Ministry: Mary Daugherty & Karen Hobson

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jacki Davidson

Early Service Helpers: Mary & Laura Daugherty

Elder: Eric Seaman

Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Sarah Storm

Save the Date! Upcoming Organ Concert

Grammy-Nominated Organist Jan Kraybill

Saturday, September 26 • 3:00 PM

Missouri United Methodist Church (204 S. 9th Street)



This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, September 20

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hour
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- CROP Hunger Walk, 1pm, Stephen's Lake Park
- CYF: Hot Dogs & Fishing, 4-6pm, Silverwood House (meet at FCC for a ride)

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

Friday, September 25

- Jan Kraybill Organ Presentation, 7pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 26

- Jan Kraybill Organ Concert, 3pm, Missouri United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 27

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hour
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- Annual Church Picnic, 12-2pm, Albert Oakland Park (1900 Blue Ridge Rd)

CROP Hunger Walk—Sunday, September 20

Columbia's CROP Hunger Walk will take place this year on Sunday, September 20 at Stephen's Lake Park. Registration begins at 1 p.m., and walking and activity begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, check out the flyers in the Narthex to see how you can participate!

Save the Date! Church Picnic - Sunday, September 27

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! RSVP with PICNIC in the pew pads or using the QR code.



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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