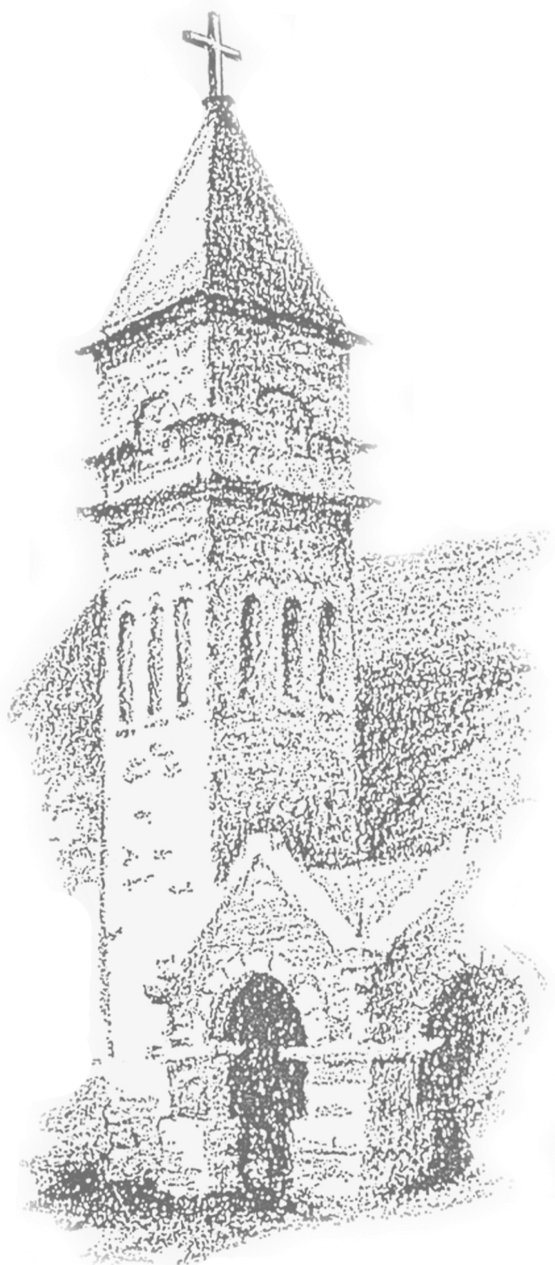


Worship



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



9:30 A.M.

Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

Come Labor On
T. Tertius Noble

Rochelle Parker

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

Steve Humble

Come out of the darkness of despair into
the brightness of God's transforming love.

We praise God for God's presence with us!

Prepare your hearts and spirits
to receive God's mercy and healing.

We thank God for God's mercy toward us.

Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

Thanks be to God at all times and in all places.

*Hymn of Praise #16

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Steve Humble

Let us pray. **Living and Incarnate God among us, we gather in the
name of Your Son Jesus to learn love for one another. Turn our feet
from evil paths, our hands from shameful deeds, our minds to Your
wisdom, and our hearts to Your grace. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #35

Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment

Hayley Batterson

(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 13:8-14 (NT p. 162)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

O Cleansing Stream
Douglas E. Wagner

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Love Fulfills the Law

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Invitation #600

Jesu, Jesu

Invitation to Stewardship

Brenda Mosby

Offertory Music

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Stagg

Communion Hymn #101 (v. 1, 3, 5)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Prayer for Offerings

Jeff Underwood

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer

Dan Tevis

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 #433

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

Postlude

Festival Toccata
Percy Fletcher

Rochelle Parker

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Mary Ann Atteberry; David Meyer; Mason Silverwood & Heidi Baranuskas; Maria Clark; Lorene Trickey

Sympathy: Sherry Kaye Dobbs passed away on Monday, August 31. Services will be held on Saturday, October 17 at First Christian Church. A visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow the service. Please keep **Marilyn Schappert, Jeanie Dobbs, Sue Dobbs, and Carol Kvanvig** and the rest of Sherry Kaye's family and friends in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.

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 **Sue & Dave Smith** in memory of Bill & Betty Moon's anniversary on September 21.

The **yellow roses** on the organ celebrate **Perry Stemmons'** 96th birthday today, September 6 and **Bonnie Fay's** 91st birthday on Wednesday, September 9, as well as **Helen & Perry Stemmons'** 74th wedding anniversary on Monday, September 7 and **Betty & Rich Montgomery's** 62nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 12!

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Carla Tanzey

Welcome Station: Steve Humble

Flower Ministry: Anne Crousore

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Marcia Smith

Communion Prep: Kathy & Jerry Miller

Greeters: Steve Humble (N. Door), Jessica Humble (S. Door),
Cindy Smith (Atrium), Doug Smith (Portico)

AV Team: Chris Fuemmeler

Liturgist: Steve Humble

Deacon Team: The Potthast Team

Elders: Jeff Underwood, Dan Tevis, Janelle Patterson (Balcony)

Children's Worship: Hayley Batterson

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Eric Seaman

REGULAR

WORSHIP
SCHEDULE RESUMES

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, September 6

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Worship, 9:30am, Sanctuary

Monday, September 7

Church Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

Sunday, September 13

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Energy Bus Lunch-N-Learn, 11:45am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- JYF, 4pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- CYF, 5pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Energy Bus Brown Bag Lunch - Sunday, September 13

Come and learn about the Energy Bus on Sunday, September 13 immediately following worship in Yonker Fellowship Hall! On our first day back to two worship services, the Fellowship Department & the Energy Bus crew have paired up to offer a brown bag lunch and presentation about *who* the Energy Bus is, their philosophy, and how **YOU** can get involved! Please RSVP with "BUS" in the pew pads or using the QR code.



FCC Supper Club—Friday, September 18

Join the FCC Supper Club at Bangkok Gardens on Friday, September 18 from 6-8 p.m. (childcare drop off at 5:45 p.m.). **Please RSVP to Erin Perry** at fcc@firstchristian.org by Monday, September 14 if you'd like to join.

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!

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.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

101 N. Tenth Street, Columbia, Missouri

573-449-7265

fcc@firstchristian.org

www.firstchristian.org

Facebook: "First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ Columbia, Missouri"



ways to connect



WEBSITE



GIVE



NEWSLETTER

Scan the code using the camera on your smart phone to open links!