

Throughout the Church...



Next Week Is
HANGING of the GREENS!



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*Please always check with the
church office if you are wanting
to use the church building.
Thank you!*

We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.



November 23, 2025
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Today’s Meditation
Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely in words. Gratitude is shown in acts.
- Henri Frederic Amiel

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation & A Moment of Silence
Simple Gifts - Barr

†Call to Worship

One: Come, people of hope and heart,
Many: We’re here to give thanks for a love that won’t stay silent.
One: The world is loud with fear and striving,
Many: But today, we tune our hearts to grace.
One: Gratitude is not escape; it’s courage.
Many: It’s how we remember that goodness still grows.
One: So come, with joy that dares to speak and faith that learns to sing!
All: We worship the God who makes all things new, again and again!

†Opening Hymn #718
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: God of every good thing, you meet us in the noise and in the stillness, in the broken places and in the blooming ones. Teach us the kind of gratitude that doesn’t stop at words; gratitude that moves our hands toward healing, and our hearts toward hope. Let joy take root in us so deeply that it grows even in uncertain soil. And when our words fall short, let our lives become the prayer until all that we are joins in the one Jesus taught us, singing...

†The Lord’s Prayer #307

Scripture Reading Luke 14:12-24 & Colossians 3:12-17
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music Sanctuary Choir
Thanks Be To God arr. Heather Sorenson

Sermon Rev. Mason Fitch
The Language of Thanks

†Hymn of Commitment #695
God of the Fertile Fields

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn #717
Let All Things Now Living

The Lord’s Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.
Trio on “Ash Grove” - arr. Wagner

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings
If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come - Elvey/Wagner

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response #714
For the Fruit of All Creation vs 3

Postlude
Now Thank We All Our God - Cruger/Larson



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Ministering Today

- Elders

Deacons

Chancel Head

Lay Reader

Acolyte

Greeters

Counters

Adult SS

Youth SS

Preschool
- Beth Cox

Kevin Wolfe

Kelsey Reynolds

John Best

Jan Cusac

Ange Bertucci

Cody Cheatham

Sandy Surface

Natalie Woods

Ralph & Ilene Tegg

Roger & Vickie Baker

Frank Wheeler

Laura Buckley

Linda Rex

Staff

- Rev. Adam Bradley

Rev. Mason Fitch

Heather Woods

Brian Woods

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