

## Throughout the Church...

**OFFICE CLOSED - Monday**

**Cluster Meeting - Tuesday @ 6:30pm**

**Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am**

**Movie Night - Thursday @ 6pm**

**Fitch Baby Shower - Saturday @ 11:30am**

**Monthly Potluck - Next Sunday 11:45am**

**Hospitality Meeting - Next Sunday @ 12:30pm**



← **Check out our full  
calendar of events here**

*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.



### **It's Vacation Bible School Time!!**

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! Children from preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade can sign up to participate and adults can sign up to help at the information desk. We will gather at Glen Oak Christian Church July 6-9, 6-8pm. Please join us for a fun-filled week in the rainforest!

### **May's Theme:**

# **WHEN NEIGHBORS FEEL LIKE ENEMIES**



## **THE GOD WHO WANTS TO BE WITH US**



**May 24, 2026  
10:30am**

## **First Christian Church**



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# Pentecost Sunday

## Today's Meditation

Experience of the Spirit is the 'bright shining in our hearts' which begins the apocalypse of ourselves.

- Jurgen Moltmann, Theologian & Scholar

† Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Minute for Mission - Pentecost Offering

video

Music for Meditation

*The Good Shepherd* - Sewell

† Call to Worship

*One: We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church.*

**Many: We have come to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit**

*One: We have come to celebrate Pentecost and to open ourselves to God's Spirit that it might fill us*

**Many: Let us then worship with great joy, and celebrate the new life among us**

*One: We bring praise and song, joy and laughter before God! Let the world hear our praises!!*

**All: Praise be to God that we are bound together as one by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

† Opening Hymn

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

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† Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together:*

**All: Gracious God, Living, Eternal Spirit, we are grateful you seek us out with your tender love, lest any be lost. Help us, in the same way, to reach out toward those who may feel unwelcome or unwanted from the Christian community. Send your Spirit upon us, that when we speak the word of your love, people may hear and understand in their own way - like that first Pentecost so long ago; for we continue to pray the prayer which Jesus taught us to pray, saying: Our Father/Creator...**

† Vision Response

*We Call Ourselves Disciples* - words on screen

#357

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

*Holy Spirit, Rain Down* - Hillsong Worship

Praise Band

Tithes & Offerings

*Fantasy on "Rock of Ages"* - Hastings/Krug

† Doxology

#46

Scripture Reading

*The Word of God, for the people of God, thanks be to God.*

Acts 2:1-17

Sermon

***The God Who Wants To Be With Us***

Rev. Adam Bradley

† Hymn of Invitation

*Spirit vs 1 & 4*

#249

A Time of Prayer

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Christ's Table

**All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.**

Communion Hymn

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

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Elder Meditation & Blessing

Words of Institution

† Congregational Response

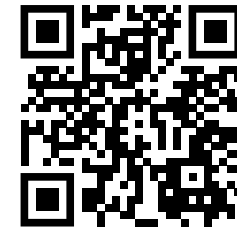
*Spirit of the Living God*

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† Benediction

Postlude

*Holy, Holy, Holy* - Dykes/Wagner



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## Serving in Worship Today

Elders

Steve West  
Kevin Cheatham

Deacons

Chancel Head  
Geraldine Runkle  
Tim Dougherty  
Debbie Presnell  
Ange Bertucci  
Natalie Woods

Lay Reader

Sandy Surface

Acolyte

Natalie Woods

Tech

Cindy Bridges

Debra Kreps

Greeters

Debbie Presnell  
Geraldine Runkle

Counters

Mike & Laura  
Buckley

## Sunday School

Adult Classes

The Open Table

Frank Wheeler

Responders Class

Becky Sisk

Youth Classes

Friends with Jesus (Pre-k)

Linda Rex

Growing Disciples (5th-8th)

Kathleen Wheeler

## Staff

Rev. Adam Bradley

Lead Pastor

Rev. Mason Fitch

Associate Pastor

Heather Woods

Music Ministry Coordinator

Brian Woods

Organist

Brandy Ganschow

Child Care

Lynn Hutton

Bookkeeper

Donnie Smith

Custodian