

Carry the Light

VERSE 1

In this world of darkness we are given light,
hope for all the dying. How will they know?
How will they know that Jesus loves them,
and He died to save them?
(chorus)

CHORUS

Carry the Light, carry the Light.
Go and tell the children
they are precious in His sight.
Carry the Light, carry the Light.
Go and preach the gospel
till there is no more night.
In the name of Jesus Christ
carry the Light.

VERSE 2

Count them by the millions, blinded slaves to sin
inside they are dying. How will they know?
How will they know that Jesus loves them,
and His heart is breaking?
(chorus)

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.



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Throughout the Church...

Potluck - TODAY after Worship
Bell Choir Rehearsal - Today @ 12:30pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Today @ 1pm
Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am
Regional Assembly - Thur/Fri/Sat
Movie Night - Thursday @ 6pm
Mah Jongg Game - Saturday @ 1pm
Elder's Meeting - Next Sunday @ 11:45am



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calendar of events here

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

Rev. Adam Bradley
Rev. Mason Fitch
Heather Woods
Brian Woods
Brandy Ganschow
Dianna Julien
Donnie Smith

Staff

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Music Ministry Coordinator
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September 27, 2026
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Today’s Meditation
How one walks through the world, the endless small adjustments of balance, is affected by the shifting weights of beautiful things.
-Elaine Scarry

† Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

† Opening Song *There Is Joy in the Lord*

† Opening Prayer

Children’s Message Rev. Adam Bradley

Scripture Reading Mark 4:1-20 & Leviticus 19:9-10
*The Word of God, for the people of God, **thanks be to God.***

Sermon Rev. Mason Fitch
Harvesting Love

Special Music Revs. Mason Fitch & Karen Merrick
All Good Gifts - by Stephen Schwartz

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

The Lord’s Supper with Tithes & Offerings
Communion Song *As the Deer*
Elders’ Blessings for Communion & Offering
Words of Institution
Invitation to Christ’s Table
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.

† Closing Song *Carry the Light*

† Benediction

There Is Joy in the Lord

There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There’s a fountain that flows
like a river from heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul.

All Blessing and honor are His,
all glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength
be the Lord’s in this place.
Let all glory be given to Him.

There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There’s a fountain I know
ev’ry time I am near it,
My heart overflows to the Lord.

All Blessing and honor are His,
all glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength
be the Lord’s in this place.
Let all glory be given to Him.

There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There’s a fountain that flows
like a river from heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul.
(repeat)

There is joy in the Lord!

As the Deer

VERSE 1
As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
and I long to worship Thee.
(chorus)

CHORUS
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
and I long to worship Thee.

VERSE 2
You’re my friend and You are my brother,
even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.
(chorus)

VERSE 3
I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
you alone are the real joy giver,
and the apple of my eye.
(chorus)