

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

(Disciples of Christ)

October 4, 2026

10:50 AM

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Discovering Joy			
 DATE	 SCRIPTURE READINGS	 SERMON	 SPECIAL EVENTS
9/13	 Psalm 126 Philippians 1:1-18a	<i>Joy in Faith</i>	
9/20	 Micah 6:6-8 Philippians 2:1-18	<i>Joy in Humility</i>	 Board Meeting
9/27	 Psalm 16 Philippians 3:1-14	<i>Joy in Jesus</i>	 Birthday Lunch & Bagging the Beans
10/4	 Psalm 100 Philippians 4:4-13	<i>Joy in All Things</i>	 World Communion Sunday
Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! PHILIPPIANS 4:4			



Welcome to First Christian Church

We pray that through this hour together all of us might be strengthened in our Christian faith.

We hope that you will come and worship with us again!

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Tolling of the Bells		Corinne Knorr, bell tree
Prelude	“Rejoice, the Lord is King!” Arranged by Gordon Young <i>“Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!”</i>	Keith Critcher, organist
Welcome and Announcements		Greg Smith
Bringing the Light of God		Jan Shelton, pianist
*Call to Worship		Greg Smith
One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!		
Many: We come with grateful hearts, ready to rejoice.		
One: We gather today as one people, yet from many places and traditions.		
Many: Around Christ’s table, there is room for all.		
One: Paul reminds us to rejoice, whatever our circumstances may be.		
Many: In plenty and in want, in celebration and in struggle, we give thanks.		
One: Today, the table stretches far beyond this room.		
Many: We are one with Christians around the world, sharing one bread, one cup, and one hope.		
One: So let us worship with joy.		
*Hymn of Praise	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” TUNE: HYMN TO JOY	No. 2
Scripture Reading	Psalm 100 Old Testament pg. 552	Marsha Stallard
Pastoral Prayer		Greg Smith
Lord’s Prayer	<i>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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.</i>	
Stewardship Meditation		Ted Moffett
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Choral Anthem		Chancel Choir & Soloist, Wiley Lindsey Soli: Sima Mwesiga and Kristen Hester
“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” Lyrics by George Herbert; Music by Robert Baker		
<i>Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!" The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly; The earth is not too low; His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"</i>		
<i>Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!" The church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out; But above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!" Sing! Sing! Sing!"</i>		

*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.” Amen</i>	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Ted Moffett
Communion Hymn	“I Come with Joy” TUNE: DOVE OF PEACE	No. 420
Words of Institution		Greg Smith
Prayer for the Bread and the Cup		Marsha Stallard
Communion Music	“Come to the Banquet” Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin	Chancel Choir
<i>“Come to the banquet God has prepared, a table of plenty, no cost has been spared. Christ is our servant, we are His guests at a feast of forgiveness where all will be blessed. Come and remember as you eat the bread all the ways that He fed you by the words that He said. There’s rest for the weary, strength for the small. O come and remember the Savior of all. Come to the table, rejoice in the wine that refreshes the spirit, brings peace to the mind. Come drink your fill till hearts overflow, O come to the banquet where God’s grace is shown. Go from the banquet with hearts strong and pure, your place at the table forever secure. Ask all who hunger to join with you there, for there’s room at the banquet and plenty to share.”</i>		
Call for the Children	“Jesus Loves Me” <i>“Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.”</i>	
Children’s Moment		Greg Smith
Call to Hear Scripture	One: Hear a Word from the Lord Many: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening	
Scripture Reading	Philippians 4: 4-13; John 17: 20-23 New Testament	Greg Smith
Sermon	“Joy In All Things”	
*Invitation Hymn	“In Christ There Is No East or West” TUNE: ST. PETER	No. 687
*Benediction		Greg Smith
Postlude	“Festiva” by Robert Hughes	Keith Critcher, organist



**The congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.*



MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Greg Smith - Interim Minister
Keith Critcher - Minister of Music

CHURCH STAFF

Jan Shelton - Director of Music for Children & Youth
Mary Mason - Director of Burnside Handbell Choir
Trisha Bell - Church Administrator
Carey Williams - Financial Secretary
Rickey Sneed - Custodian

REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

Adult Sunday School - Faith Keepers meet in the Philathea Room - 9:15 am

Children's Sunday School - Disciple Road Classrooms

Crossroads Kids Age 3 to Kindergarten - 9:30 am - *Lesson: Pumpkin Parables*

Youth Sunday School after The Children's Moment in Worship Service

Group A: 1st - 5th grade - Group B: 6th - 12th grade - *Study: The Psalms*

Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 10:15 am

Junior Choir - Kinder - 2nd grade - 9:45 - 10:15 am

Choristers - 3rd - 12th grade - 10:15 - 10:45 am

Cherub Choir - Preschool - 11:30 - 12:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Noon - 2:30 pm in Anderson Hall

(1st Sunday of the month) Elders Meeting in the Philathea Room - 8:40 am

TODAY: October 04 - World Communion Sunday

THIS WEEK: October 7 - Burnside Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7:15 pm

LOOKING AHEAD: October 10 - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am

October 11 - "Sock It to Me Sunday"

Game Day - After worship service in Anderson Hall

- ♦ Hearing assistance devices, large print hymnals, and manuscripts of the sermon are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- ♦ Nursery is provided downstairs near the Taylor Street entrance. Infants - Kindergarten.
- ♦ Children remaining in worship, activity bags are available at the back of the sanctuary.



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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven,
 1824; arr. Edward Hodges, 1864;
 desc. Susan Adams, 1995

Descant

4. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus; stars of morn-ing, take your part;

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus stars of morn-ing, take your part;

love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing those of ten-der heart. So

hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing those of ten-der heart.

sing-ing, move we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive our fear and doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife,

joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

1. loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
2. all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
3. vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
4. ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
5. God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

1. love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
2. Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3. strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
4. live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
5. love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.



687 In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev' - ry - where their
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
4. In Christ now meet both east and west in

him no south or north, but one com - mu - ni -
high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
e'er your race may be; all chil - dren of the
him meet south and north; all lov - ing hearts are

ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1830

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