

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

(Disciples of Christ)

September 13, 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.

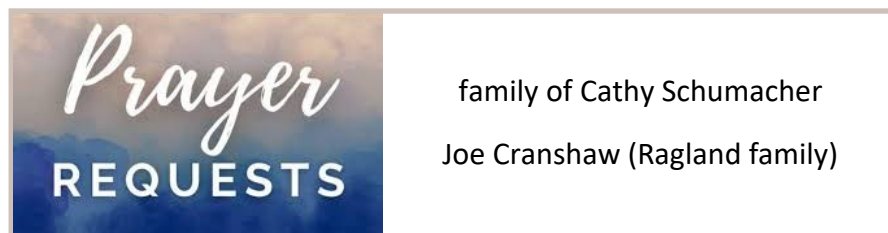
We hope that you will come and worship with us again!

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Tolling of the Bells		Corinne Knorr, bell tree
Prelude	"Fairest Lord, Jesus" Arranged by Richard Ellsasser	Keith Critcher, organist
Welcome and Announcements		Greg Smith
Bringing the Light of God		Jan Shelton, pianist
*Call to Worship		Greg Smith
One: We gather as many, yet we come seeking one thing: joy. Many: Joy in our faith. Joy in our community. Joy in God.		
One: We know life holds both sorrow and celebration. Many: Still, we choose to rejoice.		
One: Faith gives us reason to hope. Many: Faith gives us reason to sing.		
One: So let us worship with open hearts and joyful spirits.		
*Hymn of Praise	"To God Be the Glory" By Fanny Crosby & William Doane	No. 72
Scripture Reading	Psalm 126 Old Testament pg. 572-573	Mark Muller
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		Ginger Bihm
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Choral Anthem	"Simple Gifts" Traditional Shaker Tune; Arranged by Mark Hayes	Chancel Choir & Anita McNew, clarinet
<i>"Tis a gift to be simple and be free. Simple, joyful, grateful, and free, 'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be. And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, 'till by turning, turning we come 'round right. Simple, simple gifts, life is full of simple gifts. 'Tis a gift to live simply, 'tis a gift to live free, to find the path on which you ought to be. It's really very simple once you start; just follow the spirit, the spirit in your heart. When true gratitude is learned, when wisdom is something for which we yearn, and turn, turn each wrong to right, we're closer to our heart's delight. 'Tis a gift to be joyful, 'tis a gift just to sing, to celebrate life in every living thing. So raise your voice in song, whether great or small, for music is the simplest gift of all. Life is filled with simple gifts. Simply live life as a gift."</i>		

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

*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		Ginger Bihm
Communion Hymn	"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" TUNE: QUEBEC	No. 101
Words of Institution		Greg Smith
Prayer for the Bread and the Cup		Mark Muller
Communion Music	"Joy in the Journey" Words & Music by Michael Card	Cayetano Zuniga, soloist
Call for the Children	"This Little Light of Mine" <i>"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!"</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 1:1-18a New Testament Pg. 196	Greg Smith
Sermon	"Joy in Faith"	
*Invitation Hymn	"Have Faith in God" by B.B. McKinney	Insert
*Benediction		Greg Smith
Postlude	"One Lord, One Faith, One Birth" Tune by Samuel Wesley; Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner	Keith Critcher, organist





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: Noah*

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

Group A: 1st - 5th grade - Group B: 6th - 12th grade - *Study: How the Bible Came to Be*

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: September 13 - DWM - Let's Go Girls - Anderson Hall

THIS WEEK: September 16 - Burnside Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm

LOOKING AHEAD: September 19 - Choir Retreat
September 20 - Board Meeting
September 23 - Storytelling Event

- ♦ 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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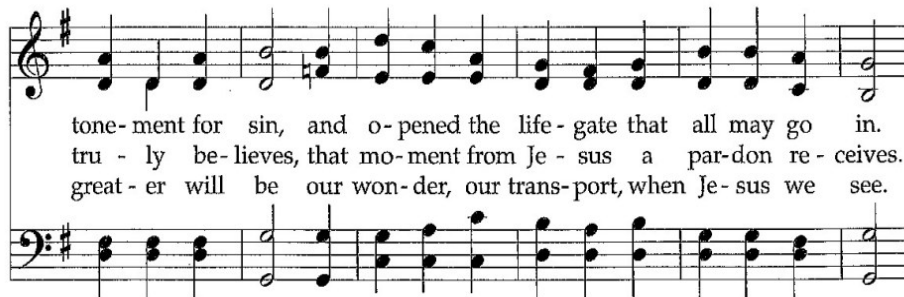
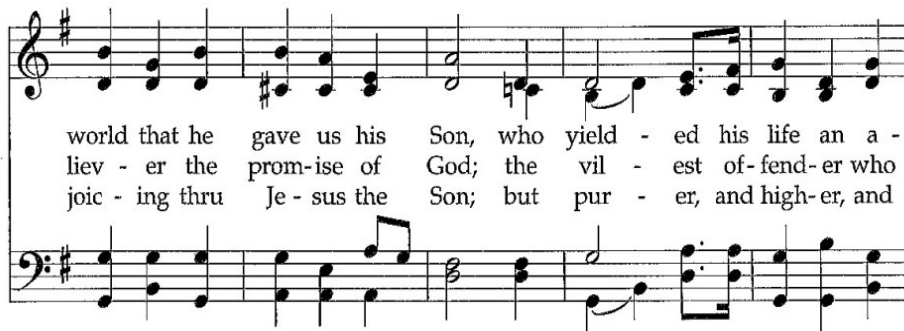
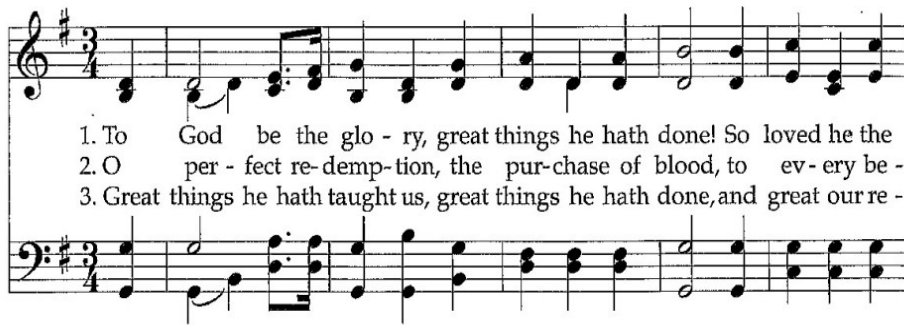
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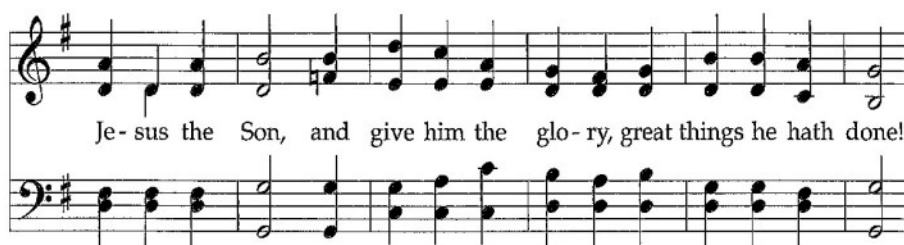
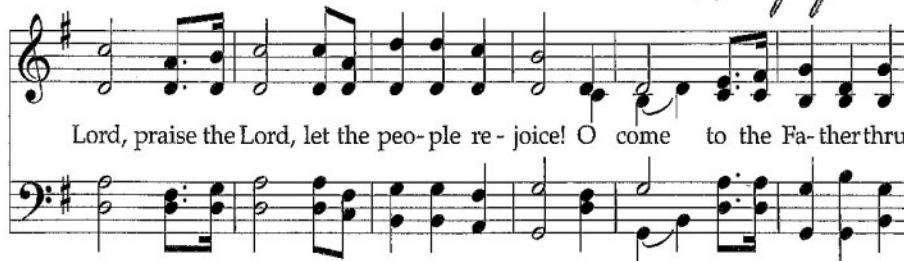
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and Daily Devotions.

To God Be the Glory

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875



Refrain





Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 101

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2. Thy gra - cious word hath ev - er stood: thou sav - est
 3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

1. life, thou light of light, great - er than plea - sure
 2. those that on thee call; to them that seek thee,
 3. feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 4. change - ful lot is cast: glad when thy gra - cious
 5. mo - ments calm and bright; ban - ish the sin of

1. earth im - parts, thy love is true and pure de - light.
 2. thou art good; to them that find thee, all in all.
 3. foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 4. smile we see; blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 5. earth, we pray; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.



Have Faith in God

"Jesus replied to them, 'Have faith in God.'" Mark 11:22

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1. Have faith in God when your path - way is lone - ly;
 2. Have faith in God when your prayers are un - an - swered;
 3. Have faith in God in your pain and your sor - row;
 4. Have faith in God though all else fail a - bout you;

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He sees and knows all the way you have trod. Ne - ver a - lone are the least of His chil-dren;
 Your ear - nest pleas He will nev - er for - get. Wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be pa - tient;
 His heart is touched with your grief and de - spair. Cast all your cares and your bur - dens up - on Him;
 Have faith in God, He pro - vides for His own. He can - not fail though all king - dom shall per - ish;

f Chorus

Have faith in God, have faith in God. Have faith in God, He's on the throne; Have faith in God, He
 Have faith in God, He'll an - swer yet. leave them there.
 And leave them there, oh, leave them there.
 He rules, He reigns up on His throne.

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watches o'er His own. He can - not fail, He must pre - vail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.