

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

(Disciples of Christ)

September 20, 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	“Meditation on The Gift of Love” Folk Melody, Arranged by Joseph M. Martin; Lyrics by Hal H. Hopson <i>“Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.”</i>	Keith Critcher, organist
Welcome and Announcements		Greg Smith
Bringing the Light of God		Jan Shelton, pianist
*Call to Worship	One: We gather as many, remembering that none of us stands alone. Many: We belong to one another, and we belong to God. One: What does God ask of us? Many: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. One: We do not come to prove ourselves worthy. Many: We come to worship expecting to learn and to grow.	Greg Smith
*Hymn of Praise	“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” By Fanny Crosby & William Doane	No. 15
Scripture Reading	Micah 6:6-8 Old Testament pg. 866	Charles Recer
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		Norma Savage
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Choral Anthem	“Offertory” Text: Micah 6:6-8; Music by John Ness Beck	Chancel Choir
*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		Norma Savage

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

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Words by Linda Lee Johnson, adapted from Psalm 8; Music by Tom Fettke

Greg Smith

Charles Recer

Chancel Choir

*"When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space, O what is man, that you are mindful of us?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have set us a little lower than the angels.
You have put us in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
The fish of the sea; Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise Him perfectly, and so would we.
Alleluia, Alleluia, the majesty and glory of Your name, Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

Call for the Children

"Jesus Loves Me"

*"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."*

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 2:1-18

New Testament Pg. 196

Greg Smith

Sermon

"Joy in Humility"

*Invitation Hymn

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

TUNE: BEACH SPRING

No. 575

*Benediction

Greg Smith

Postlude

"All Things Bright and Beautiful "

Arranged by Robert F. Swift

Keith Critcher, organist



Mike King

Gail Barker

Jeanette Simcox

Theresa Baker (Ragland friend)

Mary & Tommy Hamm (Ragland friend)



The Chancel Flowers
are presented in
loving memory of
"Charles Duke"
from Joe Don Conger



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 20 - Board Meeting - After worship service

THIS WEEK: September 23 - Burnside Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7:15 pm

Storytelling Event - 7:00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD: September 26 - Blessing of the Animals - 10 am

September 27 - Birthday Lunch & Baggin the Beans - After worship service

- ♦ 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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Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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1. Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
3. With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still sing - ing as you go,
5. Praise God who rules all worlds; the ris - en Christ a - dore.

1. your fes - tive ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
2. raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
3. send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
4. from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
5. Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
Re - joice, re - joice,



Let Us Break Bread Together

425

Guitar capo: 1; play D

D Bm G Gmaj7 A7 D G D

1. Let us break bread to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2. Let us drink wine to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3. Let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)

D A Bm7 E E7 A A

let us break bread to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain D F#m B7 Em Em7 Am

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris- ing sun,

A7 D Bm7 Em9 A7 D G D

O Lord, have mer- cy on me. (on me)

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Carlton R. Young, 1964, alt.

LET US BREAK BREAD
 Irr.



575 Come and Find the Quiet Center

Unison F B $\flat$ C7

1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
 3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's

F F B $\flat$

lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
 pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
 pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -

C7 F Am7

frame where we are freed: clear the cha - os and the
 be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing space with - in our
 brate the space we gain: there's a place for deep - est

Dm Am7 Dm Am7 B $\flat$ (C7)

clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the
 think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
 dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the