

Prayers and Praises

- * Prayers that all our friends who celebrate Hannukah; the festival of lights!, are safe and allowed to enjoy the memory of the miracle!
- * Prayers for Steve and family as they put their dog to sleep.
- * Prayers for Dave
- * Prayers for Mr. & Mrs. D.
- * Prayers for Mike
- * Prayers for Hannah, Britt and family as they morn the passing of Otto (cat)
- * Prayers for Sam (bird) as she heads back to vet for more testing
- * Prayers for Manny
- * The Young family
- * Praises for Penny: She has final steps before starting a new job.
- * Prayers for Jennifer
- * Prayers for Nancy
- * Prayers for Sandy
- * Prayers for Noel
- * Prayers for Shirley and Rev. Bill: Shirley is in hospice care
- * Prayers for David T.
- * Prayers for Gary
- * Prayers for all who have a mental illness, diagnosed or not
- * Prayers for all those affected by hate, war, and political upheaval

GOD Bless our neighbors, those close to us and those far away!

We ask Jesus to guide First Christian Church so that we may continue to grow and share Christs message of hope, grace and unconditional love.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ Dec 21: 4th Sunday Advent
- ♦ Dec 24: Christmas Eve: 6:30 pm and 11:30 pm
- ♦ Dec 28: Community meal: after church
- ♦ Jan 11: Congregation board meeting includes Deaconate training
- ♦ Jan 14: Christian Recovery and SOS planning
- ♦ Jan 18 to Jan 25 AM: Family Promise stay
- ♦ Feb 8: Scout Sunday



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CHRIST MAKES ALL THINGS NEW
Hope Restored. Hearts Renewed. Lives Changed.

Christ Brings Restoration
Dec 21, 2025
Share HOPE!

bring household cleaning
supplies for the giving
sheds!

**We will be discovering the difference Christ makes:
bringing love, forgiveness and renewal!**



The Disciples' Confession states that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God ... **Lord and Savior of the world.**"

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dec. 21, 2025; 10:30 AM

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Preparing our Hearts for Worship as we light the Christ Candle

Morning Prayer

Pastor Janice

***Gathering Music:**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***Call To Worship:**

One Voice: For all who give you a face, Lord Jesus, by spreading your
love in the world, we praise you.

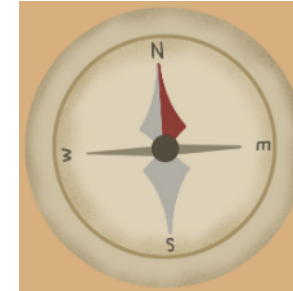
*Many voices: For all who give you hands, by doing their best toward
their sister and brothers, we praise you.*

One Voice: For all who give you a mouth, Lord Jesus, by defending the
weak and the oppressed, we praise you.

*Many Voices: For all who give you eyes, by seeing every bit of love in
the heart of man and woman, we praise you.*

One Voice: For all who give you a heart, Lord Jesus, by preferring the
poor to the rich, the weak to the strong, we praise you.

*Many Voices: For all who give to your poverty the look of hope for
your Reign, we praise you.*



SCOUT SUNDAY

FEB 8; 10:30 AM

**Guest Preacher will be for the 2nd year
Pastor Sal Franqui,
Birth of New Freedom's Pioneer District Director**

***If you would like to participate please reach
out to Diana or Molly***



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Dec 28

Elder: Dori
Diaconate: Jer
Communion Prep: Dori and
Jer
Greeter: Dori
Scripture reader: Dori
Hospitality: Dori
Acolyte: ?
Pastor: Diana

Jan 4

Elder: Diana
Diaconate: Glenn
Communion Prep: Dori and Jer
Greeter: Glenn
Scripture reader: Dori and Diana
Hospitality: Diana
Acolyte: ?
Pastor: Janice



**Deaconate and
communion preparation
training:
Jan 11 as part of the board/
congregational meeting**

One voice: For all who reveal you simply by what they are, Lord Jesus,
because they reflect your beauty in their lives, we praise you.

*Many Voices: You who are the GOD of a thousand faces, yet whom
nothing can reveal completely except the face of the child of
Bethlehem, we pray to you:*

*ALL: Continue in our lives the mystery of Christmas. Let your Son be
come flesh in us so that we may be for all our brothers and
sisters the revelation of your love.*

Written by: Lucien Deiss

***Glory Be to the Father** 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen!

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer for the people

Pastor Janice

Advent Wreath

Rachel and Dori

Light the Advent Candle Four

Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10

Prayer

Lighting 2 purple candles, 1 pink candle & another purple candle

Offering

***Doxology (Sung together while standing)** 46

Praise GOD from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Offertory Blessing Pastor Janice

Bible References: Dori and Diana

Psalm 80: 1-7 and 17-19
Gospel Reading - Matthew 1: 18-25
New Testament Reading - 2nd Corinthians 7: 6-16

Sermon: Make a Home for Christ's Renewal Pastor Janice

Call to Discipleship / Request for Blessings
Individuals or families are welcome to come forward if you wish to reaffirm your commitment to Christ, join this congregation or wish to celebrate an achievement or receive a blessing or prayer.

Communion hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Lord’s Table
ALL (no matter your age) are welcome to share communion here. We serve grape juice. The bread and cup will be passed to each person. It is our practice to wait till everyone is served and then share communion together.

Lord’s Prayer said Together
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Disciples Identity Statement said together
We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Prayer Pastor Diana

Distributing the Bread and Cup
Why we share communion (“Words of Institution”)
Sharing of the Bread and Cup together
Prayerful Silent Reflection
Prayer after Communion

***Closing Music:** Go Tell It On The Mountain
Sharing Christ’s light with the world
***Closing Blessing:** Pastor Janice

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**Christmas Eve
Candlelight service**

Christ Brings renewal!
Dec 24, 2025
11:30 PM

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