



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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October 3, 2021
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at fcbirla.org/sunday or on our Facebook page, then silence your cell phone.

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore

Prelude

Dr. João Casarotti

Consecration Moment

Pam Jones

* Call to Worship

Sally Bremer

Leader: Friends in Christ we are gathered here to give thanks for all we have received from God's good hands;

People: to praise God's holy name;

Leader: to acknowledge and confess our sins,

People: to hear God's holy word.

ALL: Let us draw near to God in all humility and celebrate God's infinite goodness and mercy.

* Hymn of Praise

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Chalice Hymnal #93

GOD SPEAKS TO US

* Prayer of Illumination and Lord's Prayer

Sally Bremer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Chalice Hymnal #36

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8 (CEV)

Anderson Krupala

Children's Sermon

Leatus Still

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	Chalice Hymnal #581
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Communion Hymn	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians</i>	Chalice Hymnal #494
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Communion Prayer		Judy Lester
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Music & Meditation		

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Chalice Hymnal #46
Scripture Reading	John 1:47-51 (NRSV)	Judy Lester
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 13 (NRSV)	Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Sermon	<i>What Is the Real Thing?</i>	Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Chalice Hymnal #272
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Hymn Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	Chalice Hymnal #441
Postlude		Dr. João Casarotti

The Latest at First Christian Church:

- **CONSECRATION MOMENT: REVERENCE** -- *"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe."* (Hebrews 12:28) What does it mean to revere the Lord?
- **October 17, is Consecration Day**, and the Rev. Dr. Tip Tipton will be speaking on *Rejoicing* that day. Please join us as we celebrate our service to our God and Savior.
- The **Sunday Adult class** has moved their meeting time to 9:00 a.m. Please join them each week for fellowship and study in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Wednesday Bible study has been temporarily suspended**, given mask/spacing requirements, but our study and discussion will, hopefully, return soon!
- **Storm Recovery:** Please keep in touch with your Elder or by email to the church office as we begin the recovery process from the storm.
- **Adjusted Office Hours:** The church office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To our Visitors — Welcome to First Christian Church. To help your experience with us be as wonderful as possible, please allow us to share a few things with you.

Communion — The Disciples of Christ welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You do not need to be a member to receive communion. If you desire to take communion, ***please collect a pre-packaged communion kit from one of the entrance tables***, and hold it with you until we partake, together, during the service.

Offerings — Your offering for the mission and work of the church can be placed in one of the offering plates near each entrance to the building. To donate online, please visit our website at fccbirla.org/giving, or via PayPal at paypal.me/fccbirla or text **73256** (e.g. "fccbirla \$15").

Joining the Church — If you have not been baptized or made an adult profession of faith, please speak with the pastor. If you are already a baptized member of another church, please contact the church office about initiating a letter of transfer.

Children — We have children's books, coloring sheets tied to the theme of the day, crayons, and colored pencils in the bookshelf on the east side of the foyer. **Our professionally staffed nursery is open during this service to care for children from six-weeks through four years of age.** Or, if your youngster just needs a few minutes to re-group, the library is open and the livestream is available on the monitor.

Check-in — Whether a first-time visitor, or returning member, please check in by aiming your smart phone at the QR code in the corner, below; or, on our Facebook page: [fccbirla](https://www.facebook.com/fccbirla).

Restrooms — The men's room is in the southwest corner of the sanctuary and the women's room is in the southeast corner.

We thank you for being here today, and are grateful for your presence.

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