First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



10:00 am, Sunday, September 14, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Wells | Music Director: Albert Worship Leader: Sharon | Praying Elder: Nancy

Welcome & Prayer Presiding Pastor

*Call to Worship Worship Leader

ONE: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

MANY: God is our hope and our refuge.

ONE: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness

wisdom and wisdom foolishness. **MANY: God is our hope and our refuge.**

ONE: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

MANY: God is our hope and our refuge.

ONE: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

MANY: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2025. Discipleship Ministries | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C -...

*Opening Music How Great is Our God (by Chris Tomlin) Praise Band How Great Thou Art Hymnal #33

Our Faith in Action Worship Leader

Meditation Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory Hymnal #464

Prayers of the People Presiding Pastor

* Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Presiding Pastor

Our Father... Our Maker...

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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. (Based on Matthew 6:9-13)

Scripture Readings Mark 1:29 Worship Leader

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

Worship leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks Be to God

Message Peter Mother-in-Law Healed and Called Presiding Pastor

Communion Prayer Praying Elder

Words of Institution All may partake in Communion Presiding Pastor

Invitation Presiding Pastor

Today, if you would like to join this congregation in your faith journey by dedicating your life to Christ, transferring your membership or rededicating your life in Christ, we invite you to come forward during the Invitation Hymn.

*Invitation Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy Hymn # 4

Benediction Presiding Pastor

Lyrics for music: CCIL # 21878243

Our Faith in Action: Outreach, Offering, Study & Connections

Tithes & Offerings:

As you are entering for worship, please place your gift in the offering tray near the entrance.

ONLINE: app.easythithe.com/App/Giving/elpaso

Mail: First Christian Church, PO Box 23045, El Paso, TX 79923-0045

Outreach, Study, & Connections

If you are interested in connecting with us, our community would be happy to support you!

- The **Tuesday night Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, September 16 at 6 pm in the First Presbyterian office area starting with a four-week lesson on "Gratitude". (Contact: Carol)
- The Praise Band practices after worship service most Sundays (Contact: Albert)
- If you have ideas for **Mission and Outreach** through 2025 (Contact: Nancy).
- Take a moment to sign up at the front to help with Sunday worship.
- If you would like to **talk to someone for prayer concerns** or about becoming a member of this congregation, please contact: Don or Jeff.

Mission and Outreach

Non-perishable food items are being collected for the "You Eat, I Eat" food pantry through the last Sunday in September.

After Church Meetings

There will be after church congregational meetings on Sunday, September 14 and Sunday, September 21. On September 21st, bring a salad or dessert. Sandwiches and drinks provided!

Regional Events – Christian Church in the Southwest

There are a variety of workshops, online Bible studies, and retreats throughout the region. Check out the regional event website to see if you would like to participate! https://www.ccsw.org/events

Welcoming a New Member (Chalice Hymnal page 341)

Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus, we gladly welcome you into this community of faith, enfolding you with our love and committing ourselves to your care. In the Power of God's Spirit let us mutually encourage each other to trust God and strengthen one another to serve others, that Christ's church may in all things stand faithful.

Mission of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)-El Paso

We are called to be a community of faith that supports the growth and wholeness of all people by welcoming, affirming, recognizing and magnifying the presence of God in everyone.

Who We Are (as a denomination)

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

As part of the body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

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