

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



10:00 am, Sunday, September 21, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Hopewell | **Music Director:** Albert

Worship Leader: Faith | **Praying Elder:** Don

Welcome & Prayer

Presiding Pastor

*Call to Worship

Worship Leader

ONE: Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until its setting,
the name of God deserves our praise!

MANY: Who is like our God...seated on high?

ONE: Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers the
poor and those in need.

MANY: God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.

ONE: Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs
and redeems.

**MANY: The Redeemer pours out love and justice, compassion and
conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the Holy One!**

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*Opening Music

If I Had a Hammer (by Peter, Paul and Mary)
This is Amazing Grace (by Phil Wickham)

Praise Band

Our Faith in Action

Worship Leader

Meditation Hymn

Seed, Scattered and Sown

Hymnal #395

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

Acts 3:1-8

Worship Leader

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John

about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,[a] stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

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

People: Thanks Be to God

Message	<i>The Most Unexpected Stand-Up Act</i>	Presiding Pastor
Communion Prayer		Praying Elder
Words of Institution	<i>All may partake in Communion</i>	Presiding Pastor
Invitation		Presiding Pastor
<i>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.</i>		
* Invitation Hymn	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	Hymn # 585
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** meets 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

Stay after church for a congregational meeting today (Sunday, September 21). 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.ccsww.org/events>
There will be a district youth rally at Lake Brownwood Retreat Center November 14-16, 2025.

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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