



First Christian Church

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Return From Exile In Babylon

June 7, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jill Kohlhausen

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #588 - In The Garden

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship:(from Psalm 24)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

People: The world, and all who live in it.

Leader: For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

People: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?

ALL: Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his savior.

Opening Prayer:

Merciful God, hear our prayers this morning in this place set aside to worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Guide us by your Holy Spirit and lead us into all truth. Let the peace of Christ be with us. Help us to reach out to others who are in need, physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. Use us as your hands and feet in the world. Thank you for loving us unconditionally. We lift up our prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Kate DeWees
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Pat Machmeier	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Paul Parmele	- Bob Hilton
- Dawson Ploss	- Pastor Jeff Seger	- Joanie Witherington	

Scripture Text: Ezra 6: 1 – 22 (NRSV)

6 Then King Darius made a decree, and they searched the archives where the documents were stored in Babylon. 2 But it was in Ecbatana, the capital in the province of Media, that a scroll was found on which this was written: “A record. 3 In the first year of his reign, King Cyrus issued a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be rebuilt, the place where sacrifices are offered and burnt offerings are brought; its height shall be sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits, 4 with three courses of hewn stones and one course of timber; let the cost be paid from the royal treasury. 5 Moreover, let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God that Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon be restored and brought back to the temple in Jerusalem, each to its place; you shall put them in the house of God.” 6 “Now you, Tattenai, governor of the province Beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and you, their associates, the envoys in the province Beyond the River, keep away; 7 let the work on this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its site. 8 Moreover, I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God: the cost is to be paid to these people, in full and without delay, from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province Beyond the River. 9 Whatever is needed—young bulls, rams, or sheep for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, as the priests in Jerusalem require—let that be given to them day by day without fail, 10 so that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his children. 11 Furthermore, I decree that, if anyone alters this edict, a beam shall be pulled out of the house of the perpetrator, who then shall be impaled on it. The house shall be made a dunghill. 12 May the God who has established his name there overthrow any king or people who shall put forth a hand to alter this or to

destroy this house of God in Jerusalem. I, Darius, make a decree; let it be done with all diligence.”

Completion and Dedication of the Temple

13 Then, according to the word sent by King Darius, Tattenai, the governor of the province Beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their associates did with all diligence what King Darius had ordered. 14 So the elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of the prophet Haggai and Zechariah son of Iddo. They finished their building by command of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus, Darius, and King Artaxerxes of Persia, 15 and this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius. 16 The people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy. 17 They offered at the dedication of this house of God one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel, twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. 18 Then they set the priests in their divisions and the Levites in their courses for the service of God at Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses.

The Passover Celebrated

19 On the fourteenth day of the first month the returned exiles kept the Passover. 20 For both the priests and the Levites had purified themselves; all of them were clean. So they slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow priests, and for themselves. 21 It was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile and also by all who had joined them and separated themselves from the pollutions of the nations of the land to seek the Lord, the God of Israel. 22 With joy they celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread seven days, for the Lord had made them joyful and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work on the house of God, the God of Israel.

Scripture Readings - Ezra 6: 1 – 22 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*Return From Exile In Babylon*” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***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***

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #564 - Let Us Break Bread Together

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

The bread and the cup are distributed together.

Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Hymn of Invitation - God’s Love by Hal Gray

*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended. May the peace of Christ be with you
today and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Sunday, June 7th

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 6-1-26	9647.47
Expenses/Payroll x3	2349.90
Weekly Offering	1245.00
Difference	-1104.90
Ending Balance	7542.57

Announcements

Week of May31st - Attendance: 35; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live: 11; Approx. Views: 17 - 44

Beef & Noodle: We are looking for a volunteer to be Chairman of the Beef & Noodle dinner. If you interested or have any questions please contact Rick Williams at 219-869-4969. Thank you!

You are invited: to join us for our B.A.D Fireworks Extravaganza on July 4th. Food and Fun at 5:00 PM Fireworks at 8:30 PM. The main entree will be provided. If you can bring a side dish or dessert to share, it would be greatly appreciated. Location: Karen and Dick Wiseman, 6403 N 900 W, Fair Oaks, IN We hope you will join us for good fun, food and fellowship! RSVP to Dick or Karen. Thanks, Karen.



June Birthdays

- 1 - Ron Lintner
- 3 - Kathy Wilcox
- 7 - Donna Grow
- 10 - Jennifer Williams, Kailie Goad
- 11 - Nancy Whaley
- 13 - Bob Phillips
- 14 - Linda Wood
- 21 - Cindy Hooker
- 30 - Joan Witherington, Lynda Edwards

July Birthdays

- 3 - Charity Hilton
- 5 - Paul Parmele
- 9 - Frank Shirer
- 10 - Samantha Joslyn
- 12 - Kim Grow
- 19 - Nancy Dunlap (Sr.)
- 20 - Anastasia Joslyn
- 21 - Meredith Grow
- 24 - Patti Coons
- 28 - Marsha Gastineau

June Anniversaries

- 7 - Rick & Opal Williams - 1975
- 12 - Doug & Kathy Wilcox - 1976
- 13 - Randy & Laura Kinnaird - 2009
- 19 - Dennis & Angela Clark - 2002
- 29 - Michael & Rhonda Murphy - 1968

July Anniversaries

- 17 - Dave & Mindy Pettet - 1982
- 21 - Paul & Abbie Parmele - 1984
- 24 - Dale & Suzanne Smith - 1993
- 25 - Mike & Cindy Hooker - 1971
- 26 - Wayne & Kendra Cover - 2003
- 30 - Dick & Karen Wiseman - 2016