



# First Christian Church

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*Repent, for the Kingdom of God*

*has Come Near!*

**January 25, 2026**

**10:00 A.M. Worship Service**

**Pastor Jeff Seger**

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn - #495 - It Is Well With My Soul

\**Passing of the Peace*

## **Call To Worship: (from Psalm 27)**

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

People: **My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.**

## Opening Prayer:

*God of all creation, we bring our petitions to you this morning; those we say aloud and those we hold in our hearts. Listen to our pleas, dear God, and grant our requests. Thank you for loving us the way you do and help us to learn to love others in a similar way. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as your Church here in this place. We praise you in the powerful name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Scripture Text: Matthew 4: 12 – 23 (NRSV)**

Prayer Hymn - #525 – Now Thank We All Our God

Prayers of the People

**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	- Sharon Arnold
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- 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	- Madison Clark	- Nancy Justice
- Diana Fleming	- Joey Funkhouser		

**Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee**

**12** Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. **13** He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, **14** so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: **15** “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—**16** the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” **17** From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

**18** As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. **19** And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” **20** Immediately they left their nets and followed him. **21** As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. **22** Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

**Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People**

**23** Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Scripture Readings - Matthew 4: 12 – 23 (NRSV)

Sermon - “**Repent, for the Kingdom of God has Come Near!**” — 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 - #567 - Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face

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 - #520 - Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

\*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended, go into the world, you are the body of Christ.

And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be with you now and even forevermore.

**People: Thanks Be To God.**

**Todays Meeting:**

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

**Weekly Meetings:**

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Beginning Balance As Of 1-12-26	11641.80
Expenses/Payrollx2	1765.22
Weekly Offering	876.00
Difference	-889.22
Ending Balance	10752.58

**Announcements:**

**Week of January 18<sup>th</sup>** - Attendance: 25 ; Live Stream Views - YouTube Live: 11  
Approx. Views: 17 - 42

**Youth Group Meal Volunteers:** We only need a few more volunteers to provide a meal for our youth. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up.

**Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday:** will meet Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Meal provided by Helen Putman. Thank you Helen!

### **January Birthdays**

3 - Betty Malone-Lintner  
6 - Robert Hensler  
7 - Opal Williams, Luke Beehler  
8 - Logan Parmele  
9 - RaeAnn Ploughe  
10 - Jennifer Lindahl, Allison Arnold  
11 - Kaitlyn Schultz, Donna Wiseman  
12 - Korbin Ploughe  
16 - Sharlyn Hensler  
17 - Alexander Althoff  
20 - Judy Beehler  
23 - David Grow  
24 - George Cover  
30 - Nolan Hitchcock

### **February Birthdays**

1 - Rick Williams, Dick Wiseman  
2 - David Lintner  
5 - Sarah Bailey, Susie Smith,  
Sarah Sutton  
6 - Cole Dunlap  
7 - Brandon Roberts  
9 - Kolton Ploughe  
10 - Katie Saylor  
11 - Bob Wiseman, Conrad Smith  
13 - Stan Bailey, Steve Bailey  
14 - Rhonda Murphy  
19 - Matt Phillips  
21 - Bailey Craig  
23 - Jim Lintner, Jim Donnelly  
28 - Dinah Todd

### **January Anniversaries**

3 - Chad & Laura Maxwell - 2023  
3 - Gale & Noreen Kerns - 1968  
4 - Russell & Donna Wiseman - 1975  
7 - Jim & Dorrie Lefler - 1967  
10 - Bob & Sharlyn Hensler - 1970  
20 - Bob & Sally Wiseman - 1979

### **February Anniversaries**