



First Christian Church

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The Promise of the Holy Spirit

May 10, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #601 - Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship: (from Psalm 66)

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name, make his praise glorious.

People: **All the earth bows down to you, O God. They sing praise to you; they sing praise to your name.**

Leader: Come and see what God has done, how formidable his works for man's benefit.

People: **Praise our God, O Peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard. He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

ALL: **Come and listen all you who fear God. Let me tell you what he has done for me. Praise be to God who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me.**

Opening Prayer:

God of all holiness, we lift up our voice to you this morning. Hear us when we pray. Thank you for loving us enough to send Jesus to save us from our sinful ways. Guide us by your Holy Spirit and lead us into all truth.

We pray for peace on earth for all your children. Help us to love you and love others like you love us. Be with all those who need your healing touch on this day. Be especially with those who feel there is no hope. Bless all your Churches in the powerful name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #634 – O How I Love Jesus
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	- 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: John 14: 15 – 21 (NRSV)

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15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. **17** This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. **19** In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **21** They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Scripture Readings - John 14: 15 – 21 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*The Promise Of The Holy Spirit*” — 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 - Hal Gray’s God’s Love

*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:

Sunday, May 17th

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

Beginning Balance As Of 5-04-26	2045.94
Expenses / Payroll x3	1379.11
Weekly Offering	2625.00
Difference	+ 1245.89
Ending Balance	3291.83

Announcements

Week of May 3rd - Attendance: 27; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live: 10; 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!

Prairie Arts Council’s — Art Camp: The Prairie Arts Council is offering a week of arts workshops for all ages, pre-school through senior citizens. Registration is: April 15th through June 9th. Camp is June 22nd thru June 26th. If you have questions or want to register in person: 219-866-5278 or visit Artcamp@PrairieArtsCouncil.org Office hours are Tues. 12 pm. to 4:00 pm. and Thurs. 2pm - 6pm. Fliers are available in the narthex.

Announcement: Angela will be out of the office on Wednesday, May 13th and Friday, May 15th.

May Birthdays

2 - Beverly Dunlap
4 - Shirley Maxwell
5 - Phyllis Smith, Wendy Shirer
8 - Rose Nesius, Craig Hooker,
Corey Dowds
9 - Justin Clemans
11 - Bona Hensler, Eric Yeoman
14 - Susie Smith
15 - Dorrie Lefler
22 - Lindsey Baker
23 - Stephen Henley
26 - Tonya Barker
28 - Eric Jackson
30 - Clay Whaley
31 - Travis Witherington

May Anniversaries

3 - Gary & Julie Evers - 1980
16 - Craig & Lisa Jackson - 1992
18 - Ellis & Marsha Gastineau - 1968

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

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

