



First Christian Church

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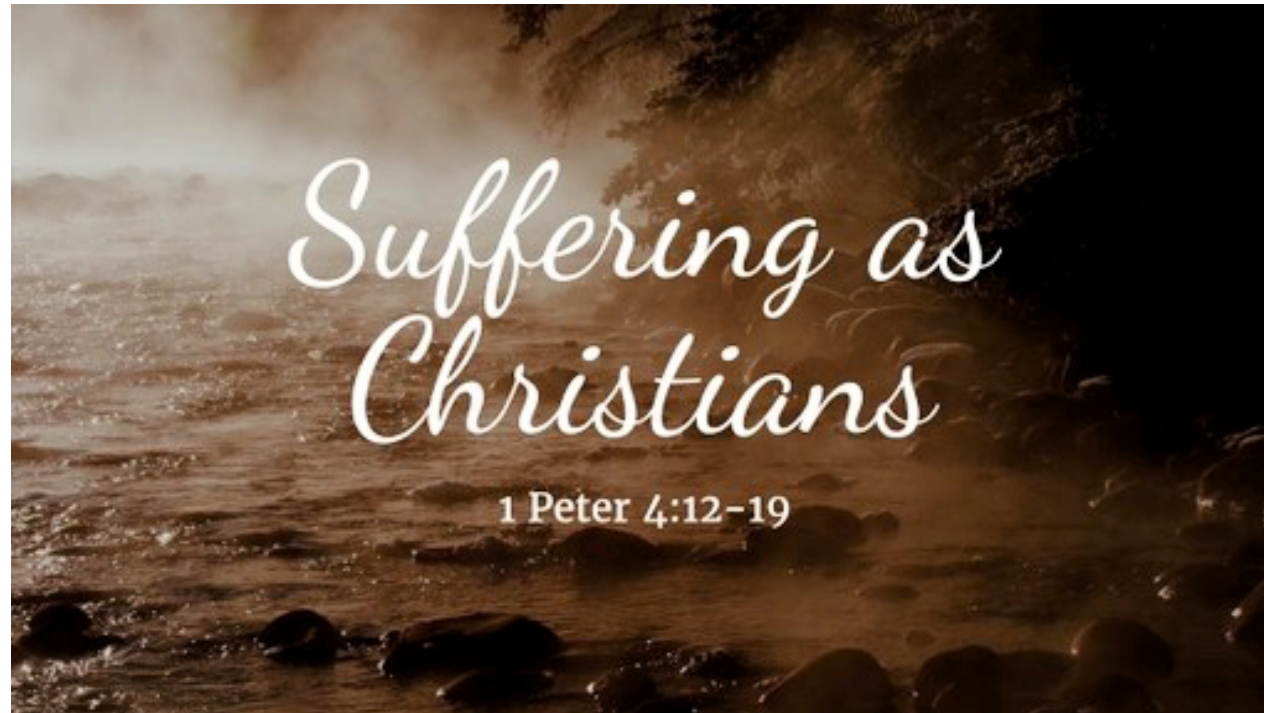
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Suffering As A Christian

May 17, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #634 - O How I Love Jesus

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship: (from Psalm 68)

Leader: Sing to God, sing praise to his name.

People: **His name is the Lord, rejoice before him. He is a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows.**

Leader: God is in his holy dwelling, he leads forth the prisoners with singing.

People: **Our God is he who saves us from death and destruction.**

ALL: **Praise God in the great congregation, praise the Lord in the assembly of the faithful. Show us your strength, O Lord as you have done before.**

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, we come this morning seeking your wisdom and your love. Guide us by your Holy Spirit and help us to follow your will and your way of life. Guard us against all the enemies that surround us. Keep us on the straight and narrow pathway of abundant life here and now, and eternal life with you. Thank you for your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the sacrifice he made for each of us on Calvary. He took our sin upon himself that we could one day stand before you with him as our Advocate. We pray all things in his precious name. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #87 – Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
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: 1 Peter 4: 12 – 14 and 5: 6 – 11 (NRSV)

1 Peter 4: 12 – 14

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12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. *13* But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. *14* If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

1 Peter 5: 6 – 11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. *7* Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. *8* Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. *9* Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. *10* And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. *11* To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings - 1 Peter 4: 12 – 14 and 5: 6 – 11 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*Suffering As A Christian*” — 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 - #30 - Break Thou The Bread Of Life

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 - #6 - This Is My Father’s World

*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 24th

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

Beginning Balance As Of 5-17-26	3291.83
Expenses / Payroll x3	1372.97
Weekly Offering	1440.00
Difference	+ 67.03
Ending Balance	3358.86

Announcements

Week of May10th - Attendance: 27; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live: 17; Approx. Views: 26 - 55

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.

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

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

May Anniversaries

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

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

