



First Christian Church

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Blessings In Store For God's People

August 23, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #370 - O God, Our Help In Ages Past

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship:(from Psalm 138)

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

People: I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you stretch out your hand and deliver me.

ALL: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, look with favor upon your people gathered here this morning to worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Lead us in your right path for your name's sake. Guide us and all your Churches to teach your truth to the world that sorely needs a Savior. Thank you for loving us and teaching us to love like you love. Be with us and for us in all that we do as your Church in Rensselaer. We lift our prayers up to you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #299 – He Lives

Children's Moment

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	- Frank Shirer
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	Pastor Marshall Murphy
- 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	- Eileen Phegley

Scripture Text: Isaiah 51: 1 – 6 (NRSV)

Blessings in Store for God’s People

51 Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. **2** Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. **3** For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. **4** Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. **5** I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. **6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Scripture Readings - Isaiah 51: 1 – 6 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*Blessings In Store For God’s People*” — 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 - #98 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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 - #417 - Just As I Am, Without One Plea

*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, August 30th

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

Beginning Balance As Of 8-17-26	1758.98
Expenses - Payroll x2	321.00
Weekly Offering	815.00
Difference	-502.22
Ending Balance	1256.76

Announcements

Week of August 16th - Attendance: 34; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live: 11; Approx. Views: 17 - 50

WANTED: - Our 52nd Annual Beef & Noodle dinner needs workers to fill positions. See the next page for details. There will be sign up sheets available in the narthex.

Tickets: - Beef & Noodle dinner tickets are now available for purchase.

*****WANTED*****

**OUR 52ND ANNUAL BEEF AND NOODLE DINNER NEEDS
WORKERS TO FILL THESE POSITIOS:**

- Sept 8 - Kitchen equipment prep – clean and set up roasters, set up
Potato room
- Sept 9 - Betty & Ote – Beef cookers and prep for shredders
1:00 pm - Beef shredders and baggers
Lisa Jackson - Cookie Bakers
- Sept 10 - Cookies should be placed 2 in a ziplock and brought to the
Church by 4:00 pm
- 4:00 pm Betty & Ron Lintner - Cookies, rolls, applesauce and cutlery
will be bagged and marked for carryout
- Sept 11 - Karen Wiseman – bean cooker
Lisa Jackson – potatoes
Dick Wiseman – serving line
Meal runners – serving line to carryout line & carryout line
to vehicles
Cleanup

SIGN UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX

CALL RICK WILLIAMS 869-4969 or Email dewilliamsconst@gmail.com



August Birthdays

- 3 - Landon Sayler
7 - Judy Smith, Dave Sutton
16 - Pamela Turner
20 - Patrick Dowds
21 - Christy Jordan
25 - Mark Slade
26 - Jordan Evers
27 - Mindy Pettet
31 - Hanna McNeal

September Birthdays

- 1 - Alyssa McNeal
6 - Mark McNeal
7 - Brian Arnold
10 - Lisa Templeton
11 - Michelle Lintner
12 - Laura Roberts
13 - Jeff Ploughe
14 - Bob Hilton
17 - Pam Christopher
19 - Paul Dunlap
23 - Sally Siela
24 - Dana Joslyn
27 - Avery Dunlap,
Marilyn Kuyrkendall

August Anniversaries

- 1 - Cory & Jenny Craig - 1998
8 - David & Alison Hickman - 1992
12 - Bob & Heidi Phillips - 1978
16 - Stan & Kris Bailey - 1975
17 - Steve & Donna Bailey - 1974
17 - Christopher & Jennifer Porter - 1991

Septemebr Anniversaries

- 11 - Paul & Bev Dunlap - 1966
15 - Jim & Leisa Donnelly - 1979
28 - Chris & Trissa Arihood - 1985