



August 24, 2025

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Joys and Concerns

In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.

Sharla Hulsey

Welcome and Announcements

If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video.

Don Malan, Elder

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

Mary Coffman

*Call to Worship (please rise as able)

L: I will bless the LORD at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Don Malan & Congregation

P: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD;**
let the humble hear and be glad.

L: O magnify the LORD with me;

P: Let us exalt God's Name together.

*Opening Hymn

"Wonderful Words of Life"

CH #323 (all)

*Invocation

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

CH #254 (all)

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer & 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharla Hulsey

**Please rise as able*

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Responsive Reading

Don Malan & Congregation

Psalm 119

L: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the Law of the LORD.

P: **Open my eyes, so that I may behold**
wondrous things out of your Law.

L: Your Word, O God, is firmly fixed in heaven.

P: **Oh, how I love your Law!**
It is my meditation all day long.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

P: **Your word is a lamp to my feet**
and a light to my path.

Special Reading

Chuck & Carol Lewis

"The Holy Spirit is Greater than All" by Andrew Kooman

Scripture

Phyllis McBrayer

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Message

Sharla Hulsey

"Circular Arguments"

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

CH #558 (all)

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings

Diaconate

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

*Doxology

CH #47

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Don Malan

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

**Please rise as able*

Communion Hymn

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Closing Hymn

“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”



**Please rise as able*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Elder: Don Malan

Deacons: Carol Lewis,
Bob Thomas

CH #321 (all)

Sharla Hulsey

Don Malan

Diaconate

Sharla Hulsey

CH #550 (v. 1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - This month, we’re collecting easy-to-pack, kid-friendly foods to support the Community Food Pantry. Drop items in the church foyer bin. Suggested donations: granola bars, rice cakes, pretzels, fruit cups, applesauce pouches, PB&J (plastic jars), crackers with filling, canned chicken/tuna, and juice boxes.
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - The members of the Nominating Committee are as follows: Jennifer Schmehl (Chair), Phyllis McBrayer, Carol Lewis, Don Cole, Lyssa Lile, Sandee Hubbard, Lynda Perkins, and John Daniel. If you have any recommendations for leadership roles, please share them with any of the committee members listed.
- **PASTORAL SUPPORT MEETING** - *Wednesday, August 27 @ 5:00 p.m.*
- **LEFEVRE QUARTET** - Concert at Happy Hill Church of God on *Friday, August 29th at 7:00 p.m.*
- **FESTIVAL OF SHARING** - Please bring in all Festival of Sharing donations by *Sunday, August 31*.
- **REFRESHMENTS** - *Sunday, August 31 - Carol Hedrick*
- **LABOR DAY/OFFICE CLOSED** - *Monday, September 1*
- **DISCIPLES WOMEN** - All women are invited to a salad dinner and meeting on *Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m.* in the Fellowship Hall. Our group promotes spiritual enrichment through Bible study, fellowship, and missions. Feel free to bring your favorite salad to share.
- **YOUTH GROUP** - *Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m.*
Open to youth in grades 3-12.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE** - *Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Aug. 24:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, Aug. 27:	5 p.m.	Pastoral Support Meeting
Friday, August 29:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Aug. 31:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Sept. 2:	6 p.m.	Disciples Women Salad Dinner & Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 3:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 5:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

Greeter: Peggy Thomas

Scripture Reader: Phyllis McBrayer

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Accompanist: Mary Coffman