



August 31, 2025

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Chuck Lewis, Elder

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.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Mary Coffman

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to Worship (please rise as able)

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

L: Come all who are born of God:

Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

P: We come in response to the one who calls us friends.

We are here in obedience to Christ's command.

L: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

P: Let our lips pour out a joyful noise.

Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.

L: Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things.

Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

P: Let us clap our hands and sing for joy.

Let us live by faith that conquers the world.

*Opening Hymn

CH #2 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Invocation

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

Loving God, we gather in the name of Christ who has called us friends.

In friendship we come to share life with the one we love.

Within this fellowship make Christ so known to us

that we shall eagerly seek to please him in all that we say and do.

May the glow of this friendship last into the coming days

and be known to others as we share life with them. Amen.

**Please rise as able*

Prayer Hymn

CH #102 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

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.

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Responsive Reading

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

Psalm 1 (*United Methodist Hymnal*)

L: Blessed are those

who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

P: or stand in the way of sinners,

or sit in the seat of scoffers;

L: but their delight is in the law of the LORD,

P: and on God's law they meditate day and night.

L: They are like trees

planted by streams of water

that yield their fruit in season,

and their leaves do not wither.

P: In all that they do, they prosper.

L: The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

L: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

P: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Special

TBD

Scripture

Jennifer Schmehl

John 15:1-11

Message

Sharla Hulsey

"Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy"

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

**Please rise as able*

<u>*Invitation Hymn</u> <i>"I've Got Peace Like a River"</i>	CH #530 (all)
<u>Musical Interlude</u>	Mary Coffman
<u>Offering Meditation</u>	Diana Rich
<u>Tithes & Offerings</u> <i>Offering trays will be passed in the pews.</i>	Diaconate
<u>*Doxology</u> 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.	CH #47
<u>*Prayer of Dedication</u>	Chuck Lewis
<u>Call to Communion</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Communion Hymn</u> <i>"I Come with Joy"</i>	CH #420 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)
<u>Words of Institution</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Communion Prayer</u>	Chuck Lewis
<u>Distribution of the Elements</u> <i>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.</i>	Diaconate
<u>WE DEPART TO SERVE</u>	
<u>*Benediction</u> <i>Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>*Closing Hymn</u> <i>"This Is the Day"</i>	CH #286 (twice)

**Please rise as able*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey	Greeter: Judy Taylor
Elder: Chuck Lewis	Scripture Reader: Jennifer Schmehl
Deacons: Kathy Wood, Gary Coffman	Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - This month, we're collecting easy-to-pack, kid-friendly foods to support the Community Food Pantry. Place 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.
- **LABORDAY/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.*
- **REFRESHMENTS** - *Sunday, September 7* - volunteer needed

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 7:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, Sept. 10:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 12:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies