



August 23, 2026

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Sharla Hulsey

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

John Daniel, 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)

John Daniel & Congregation

L: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

L: Declare God's glory among the nations,
the Creator's marvelous works among all the peoples.

P: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

*Opening Hymn

CH #552 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

"Standing on the Promises"

*Invocation

John Daniel & Congregation

Grant, Holy One,

that thinking, we may think your thoughts;

that speaking, we may speak your word;

that singing, we may sing your praise;

that hearing, we may hear your truth;

and that willing, we may make your will our own,

so that going out at the end of our worship,

we may walk in your love and your peace,

and departing from one another, not depart from you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

CH #572 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

"Take Time to Be Holy"

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

John Daniel & Congregation

Psalm 121 (Chalice Hymnal)

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

**P: My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

L: The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

**P: The One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**P: The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon at night.**

L: The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**P: The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Special Music

Don Malan on the organ, with congregational singing

Scripture

Judy Daniel

Matthew 7:15-20

Message

Sharla Hulsey

"You're not gonna get any strawberries from a poison ivy vine."

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

**Please rise as able*

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*Invitation Hymn

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

CH #349 (all)

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

John Daniel

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

CH #621 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

"Are Ye Able", Said the Master"

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

John Daniel

Distribution of the Elements

Diaconate

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

Sharla Hulsey

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Closing Hymn

CH #625 (v. 1)

"Precious Name"

**Please rise as able*

SERVING TODAY

Preaching: Rev. Sharla Hulsey

Elder: John Daniel Deacons: Judy Daniel & Everett McBrayer

Greeter: Carol Hedrick Scripture Reader: Judy Daniel

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AUGUST OUTREACH MISSION - We are supporting our local school to provide back-to-school essentials for students and classrooms. We are collecting donations of Kleenex, Clorox wipes, Ziploc baggies (all sizes), wired headphones or earbuds (no Bluetooth), and \$10 or \$20 gift cards to help purchase additional needed items. Donations may be placed in the collection bin in the foyer.
- KENYA PROGRAM & ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Disciples Christian Church invites the community to a Kenya Program & Ice Cream Social on *Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at 125 N. Prewitt, Nevada.* Pastor Lizzy Wolf of First Christian Church, Harrisonville, will share highlights from her recent Kenya mission trip. Homemade ice cream and sweet treats will follow. A freewill offering will support the Kenya Well Project.
- YOUTH GROUP - begins on *Sunday, August 30* and will meet every Sunday at *6:00 p.m.* Open to all students in 3rd through 12th grade.
- CHOIR PRACTICE - begins on *Wednesday, September 2 at 6 p.m.*
- FCC DISCIPLES WOMAN will host a salad supper on *September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.,* in the Fellowship Hall. The supper is open to all women in our church. Feel free to bring a friend and your favorite salad. Our meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. All women are invited to join our fellowship.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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| ▪ Sunday, August 23: | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Life Group |

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

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| ▪ Sunday, August 30: | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Life Group |
| | 6 p.m. | Youth Group |
| ▪ Wednesday, Sept. 2: | 6 p.m. | Choir Practice |