

"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

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MISSION STATEMENT

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 4:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 8:30 & 10:15 A.M.



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.

As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.

<u>VISITORS..</u> Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. We would love to meet you!

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER...</u> to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. One of the Vicars or Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

<u>DID YOU KNOW...</u> Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

<u>LITTLE FOLKS...</u> Parents... please remember that there are 'busy bags' hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

<u>BE COMFORTABLE...</u> There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

Hearing Devices: The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

FLOWERS for the altar today are given by Ted & Niki Duffy in memory of son Patrick AND Ray & Lisa Crayne in memory of nephew Wellsey Watrin

<u>PRAYERS:</u> John Rheel, Sue Meyer, Bill Haney, Marilyn Davis, Roger Tracey, Sonja Estes, Bernice Gray (sister of Sandy Everly), Ed Russell, Tony Cegon (brother of Michelle Cegon & stepson of David Donaldson), Larry & Loretta Munsterman, Danya (daughter of Niki Duffy's friend), Karen Huggins (friend of Gary Raasch), Steve Rodeffer (friend of Gary Raasch), Jacky Patte Donna (sister of Lisa Crayne), Mason Fletcher (Grandson of Lisa Crayne), Forrest Marsh, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller)

Remember in your prayers the family of Carolyn Smith who went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, November 12, 2025

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Nicene Creed & the Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of November. God blesses our prayers.

Is Your Phone Turned Off?

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- V God Is Good!
- C All the time
- V All the time
- C God Is Good!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- V Blessed be the Holy Trinity,

 → one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
- C Amen.
- V We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

- C Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.
- P Hear the good news Christians. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing, even the worst we do or fail to do, can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend.
- C Amen.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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- 1 Come, thou long-ex pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
- 2 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee. born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is -rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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GREETING

- V The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

SONG OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY together we pray:

Radiant God. We live in a world plagued by the darkness of injustice and despair. By your holy light, scatter the darkness and fill us with the hope of your promised redemption. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

- V May the peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C And also with you
- V Please generously share God's peace all around!

WORSHIP CAROL

CHOIR (4:00) "Find Us Faithful"

ENSEMBLE (8:30) *"To God Be The Glory"*

BELLS OF GLORY(10:15) *"Adoro te devote"*

LESSON Isaiah 9:1-7

[a] But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ^{2 [b]}The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied exultation; [c] you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Great will be his authority, ^[d] and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:12

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

- V The Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: "Promise of Hope???!!!!" Vicar Char Schomisch



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

V Confident that our God hears and answers our cries, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

V Isaiah's vision still sounds as far away to us as it must have for his listeners. Forgive us when we despair, and plant within us renewed passion for the work of your Spirit. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V Your light is the source of all life. Make us loving stewards of nature, which you feed with your life-giving light, and which, in turn, makes our lives possible. Keep us ever mindful of our sacred interdependence. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered. **Together we pray**

- C Bless Your Church. Bless your Vicars in our church. Purify, preserve & provide through your Holy Spirit. We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition.

 We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward in mission. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."
- V We give you thanks for all those who dedicate their lives in service to others, to the relief of suffering and the implementation of justice. Strengthen their witness, uphold them, and give them rest when needed. God of promise.

C Hear our prayer.

V Be with those who bear daily burdens, be it mental or physical illness, fear of homelessness or hunger, or other challenges which test their resilience. Surround them with your presence and guide them to the help they need. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V Whoever follows you, O Lord, will never walk in darkness. Shine your eternal light upon all your faithful servants, still living or alive in your resurrection, and surround them evermore with your blessing. God of promise,

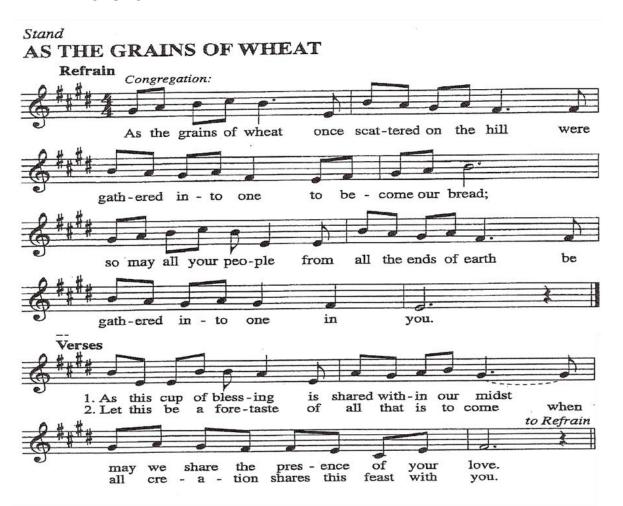
C Hear our prayer.

V We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in- person giving as well as online giving.)

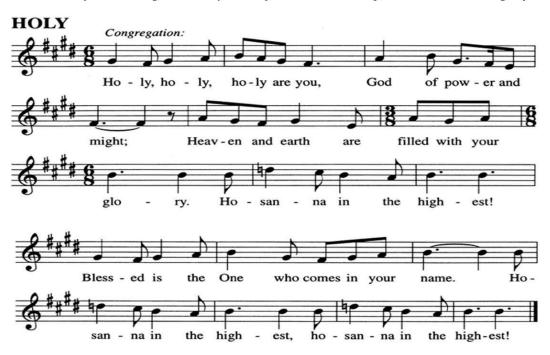
THE RESPONSE



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn



V

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

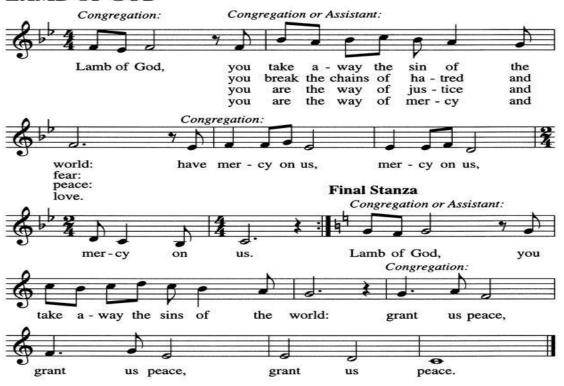
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice. Those who are not communing as well as children may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of your chest to receive a blessing. Everyone should complete a slip found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Consider the options on reverse side as to how you may serve this congregation.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"

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Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 242



COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP





COMMUNION BLESSING:

- V The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (together we pray)

C God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



ALL ARE INVITED TO FELLOWSHIP

V Almighty God has created you and has a purpose for your life every day! Lord, Help us remember, IF YOU ARE NOT DEAD...

C YOU ARE NOT DONE!

- V Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity,

 → one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- V Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- C Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SAVE THE DATES</u>: No, this is not announcing someone's wedding or birthday party. It is simply a very important reminder!!!!! We are developing a NEW and UPDATED pictorial directory for Gloria de Cristo. Please be included!!! Pictures will be taken in the classroom of Fellowship Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13 and 14, afternoons and early evening. More information will be presented as we move forward. SAVE THE DATES—— Jan 13 and 14....start practicing your smile!!

<u>Your Favorite Hymn:</u> You are invited to select the hymns for the Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 26 @ 6:00 pm. Select your choice and number 1 to 10 in the order of your favorite. Place your slip in the offering. Thank you!!

<u>Thanksgiving Dinner:</u> Gloria de Cristo will be providing Thanksgiving dinner on November 27th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will provide turkey, gravy & mashed potatoes. We ask that you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. There will be a free will offering. If you plan to attend, and didn't get signed up last week, please complete the enclosed form and place in the offering. Thanks!

<u>OPPORTUNITY!!</u>: How many times have you wondered what, exactly, the Gloria de Cristo Vision Formation Team does? You have the opportunity to find out and to participate in the planning and decision-making for our future on **Saturday, November 22, from 10 a.m. until noon.** Lunch will be provided. Please indicate on your communion slip if you are planning to attend, so that we will be certain that there is enough lunch. Thank you.

Foster Children's Christmas Gifts: Collection of unwrapped gifts for foster children and teens will begin November 1st up to Thanksgiving. Place gifts in the box in the narthex. Stars on the tree will give you a suggestion of gender and age but this is only a reminder and you need not take a star to contribute. Suggested price is around \$20.00 but whatever your budget allows. This is a combined project with GDC Social Concerns, Glorious Quilters, Arms of Love and YOU. Arms of Love is hosting a party for the children on December 12. You are invited! Details are posted above the box in the Narthex.

Christmas Bazaar: Our Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale is fast approaching on *December 6th from 8 am-12 pm*. Items will also be available on Sunday, December 7th, following worship. We hope you will find time to visit the Fellowship Hall as it will be filled with creative, new crafts and delicious baked goods. A time to buy a special gift for a friend or neighbor or find a small Christmas tree or wreath that will fit right in with your RV/Park Model lifestyle. It would be very helpful, if you are making crafts at home, to bring them to a Thursday workshop, no later than November 20th from 9 am-12 pm so that they can be priced. If you can't make this deadline, please contact Nancy Griffiths (818) 628-5741.

<u>Baked goods</u> will be accepted on Thursday and Friday, December 4/5th from 8 am-12 pm. Proceeds from the Bazaar are used to improve the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

<u>Holiday Bake Sale:</u> When you make your items, please package them as follows:

Breads: Plastic wrap with listing of any ingredients such as NUTS, COCONUT, DATES, etc. that people may be allergic to.

Cookies: 2/pkg. snack bag, unless small like spritz then 4-6. List allergic

items.

Candy: 2-4 pieces in snack bag. List allergic items.

Muffins: regular size 2/pkg. in ziplock bag. List allergic items.

Cakes/Pies: Plastic wrap.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	TIME	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
11/15	4 pm	Jan	Steve/Carol Russell	Bob/Judy Zeiss	S. Weidling	Gary/Mich
11/16	8:30	Nancy	Dave/L. Steinman	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Jim Wehrer	Dave/Linda
11/16	10:15	Niki	S. Arceneaux/L.Layton	Chuck/Mona O'Reilly	SArceneaux	Mich/Tom
11/22	4 pm	Char	S.Noltemeyer/MJones	Brian/Janis Suess	J. Volpe	Mich/Tom
11/23	8:30	Jan	Mike/Lois Gustafson	Bob Zeiss/M. Marsh	L. Strand	Mich/Dave
11/23	10:15	Joane	Lisa Crayne/S. Corless	Ted/Niki Duffy	Jay Stokes	Mich/Dave
11/26	6 pm		M. Marsh/C. Randby	C. Wade/Char	Char	Dave/Mich

<u>Attendance for Saturday, November 8</u> @ 4:00 pm; = 57 Sunday, November 9 @ 8:30 am= 82. 10:15 am = 46

REMINDERS:

Service

<u>Monthly Potluck</u>: The 1st Sunday is our monthly Potluck following the 10:15 worship. Mark your calendar, bring your favorite dish to share and join us for fellowship and food.

Food Pantry: 1st Sunday of each month we collect food for the local Food Pantry. When doing your shopping consider picking up a couple of items to bring and donate.

Men's Breakfast the 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am at Daybreakers. All gentlemen of the congregation are invited to come.

<u>Women's Breakfast Club</u> 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am at Izzy's on Foothills Blvd. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

<u>Days for Girls:</u> will meet the 2nd & 4th Saturday's of each month @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun

GriefShare: Every Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.

Reading and Learning

<u>Monday's Bible Study:</u> 1 pm in Fellowship Classroom <u>Coffee With Jesus:</u> Tuesday's, 9 am in Fellowship Hall

Old Testament Bible Study: Thursday's @ 4 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Fellowship: will resume in January, 2026

Fun and Fellowship

<u>Line Dance Exercise:</u> every Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. Teaching at 9 am and Dancing at 9:30 am.

<u>Chair Aerobics</u>: Classes are held every Wednesday at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$5/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 11/17	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 11/17	11:00 am	Alanon	Fellowship Classroom
Monday 11/17	1:00 pm	Bible Study (Book of John)	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 11/18	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 11/18	9:00 am	Coffee With Jesus	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 11/18	11:00 am	Coffee Club	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 11/18	1:00 pm	Craft Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 11/18	4:00 pm	Council Meeting	Fellowship Classroom
Wed. 11/19	7:30 am	Stephen Ministry Training	Classroom #1
Wed. 11/19	9:00 am	Line Dance Exercise/Teaching	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 11/19	9:30 am	Line Dance Exercise/Dancing	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 11/19	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 11/19	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 11/19	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 11/20	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Thurs. 11/20	9:00 am	Craft Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 11/20	4:00 pm	Old Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday 11/21	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 11/21	8:30 am	Vision Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Friday 11/21	10:30 am	Spanish/English	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 11/21	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 11/22	9:00 am	TOPS	Classroom #2
Saturday 11/22	10:00 am	Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 11/22	4:00 pm	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 11/23	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 11/23	10:15 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 11/23	12:15 am	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom

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