

INFORMER

First Christian Church

**This Week's Scripture and
sermon:**

Luke 18: 9-14

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

Sunday Worship

9 am and 11:10 am

**10 am Sunday School
online @first4god.com**

In Isaiah chapter 6:1-8 we read of Isaiah's call to prophecy to the people of Israel. His response to the calling was incredible. As he became aware that God was inviting him to be in his presence, he was suddenly struck with the realization of his inadequacy. He blurted out a confession- "Woe is me! For I am a man of unclean lips and I live among people of unclean lips." After this confession God forgave Isaiah and then sent him out to share a message with the people of Israel.

This past Sunday, we formally commissioned our new spiritual leaders during our worship services. These dedicated individuals have been invited by the church to serve our community as deacons and elders. After a period of prayer and thoughtful consideration, each has responded to the call to step up, serve God, and lead others in faith. Their calling involves sharing their time and gifts to serve the people of this community. While they will undoubtedly face challenges and trials, they will also have God's help, for wherever God calls someone, God also provides the necessary equipment and strength to fulfill that purpose.

Responding to God's call is not meant to inflate one's ego; rather, the call to serve often exposes a deep-seated acknowledgment of our own inadequacy. God's call is a humbling experience, and His voice, presence, and invitation can be overwhelming. Ultimately, when we are invited by God to certain ministries, we come face-to-face with our brokenness and limitations. Every one of these people is aware that it is not their perfection that led to God's invitation. Instead, it is despite their lives and their struggles that God chooses to use them. They stand before you today in genuine humility. I encourage you to pray for our new spiritual leaders and to encourage them as they dare to respond to the call to leadership in our church.

Pastor Chad

**Commissioning of Elders
and Deacons**



OUR PRAYER LIST

Betty Blackwell, Cole Brown, Kelly Burkholder, Teresa Fowler, George Geotz, Barb Hagebush, Cara Harrington, Harper Jones, Michael Lucito, Tammy Martin, Hallie Meyer, Barbara Mittenburg, Barbara Musslin, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Beckham Stuckenschneider, JJ, Nancy VanMeter, Kay Young

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummit**
 E. W. Thompson: **Allan Fowler**
 Primrose(Independent): **Freida Morrison**
 Primrose(Assisted): **Dorothy Robertson**
 Primrose(Enhanced Assisted Living): **Judy Parkhurst, Susan Daniels, Marion Thomas, LeRoy Wimer**
 Sylvia Thompson: **Judy Steele, Margie Sowder, Lynda Alcorn, Merle Fisher, Donna Thompson, Margaret Johnson, Betty Blackwell**

Our friends in the Armed Services: **Ryan Arnold, Tyler Bauer, Taylor Brown, Sam Braverman, Preston Butts, Daltin Butts, Kenneth French, Nicholas Holman, Adam Schock, Adriana Teiberis, Aaron Wagoner: Thank you for your service!**

We now have a prayer request option on the website. It will go straight to our prayer team so they can be praying with and for you.

Your FCC Staff

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Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin
Senior Minister

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Youth Director

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Amy Tilley
Contemporary Worship Leader

Mendy Goss
Children's Coordinator

Emilee Jackson, Rilee Mathew, and Liliya Nine
Nursery

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Jan. 11, 2026
9am 185
10am 157
Sunday School
Online 737

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Bryce and Cam

Elders

- David Parkhurst
- Gerald Scott

Deacons

- Ann Fleming
- Nita Bales
- Tyler Ditzfeld
- Kara Metzner
- Ronda McMullin
- Brian Leftridge
- Mendy Goss
- Austin Heubi
- Jeanean Longan

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If you wish to check out our Digital Bulletin while worshipping; go to first4God.com scroll down to Worship Online, click Digital Bulletin. Scripture and list of songs will be posted.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 15

5:30 Outreach
6:30 Deacon Mtg.

FRIDAY 16

Saturday 17

SUNDAY 18

9am Worship
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship
7pm NA

Monday 19

5pm Property
Community Cafe
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 20

12noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group
6pm Vision Team

Wednesday 21

10:30 Realtors/FH
12:15pm Foster Care Wrapping
5:15pm SOLID
5:30pm Stewardship
7pm Choir



**Carole and Claudia
Weese joined
FCC on January 11,
2026.**

**We are excited to
welcome you!**

**Deacons, mark your calendars for
a Deacon Meeting on January 15,
6:30pm.**



YOUTH

IMPORTANT DATES:

- SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm.
- SOLID will resume January 7, 5:15pm.

**Wayne will be on a short sabbatical with his family. He will see you in a few weeks. Weekly Sunday School and Wednesday nights will continue as usual.
Rock on SOLID!**

SOLID Youth Mission:
Reaching the Youth
through CHRIST,
touching the community
with LOVE!



SOLID had a retirement party for Wayne! Congrats Wayne!!

Our SOLID youth group has started 2026 off....well, solid! We have record numbers of youth attending Sunday School with our room nearly at capacity! It's great to see all the chairs and couches filled with kids who are on fire for Jesus!

With Wayne taking a much deserved break, the rest of the team has stepped up to fill the void. Chris and one of our youth, Bryce, led the group last Wednesday evening with a thought provoking discussion about anxiety. Kaitlyn is presenting this week.

As a "thank you" to all the support provided to the youth by this congregation, we are giving out 2026 FCC Calendars. They are in the narthex so feel free to grab one and know that you are appreciated!





Memorial Bricks
Available for Purchase:
28 Bricks have been purchased so far. We are so excited to continue to offer this opportunity to you throughout the year. Purchase bricks through Church office.

Children's Ministry Right Now Media Pick of the Month Paws & Tales: Season 1 CHUCK SWINDOLL

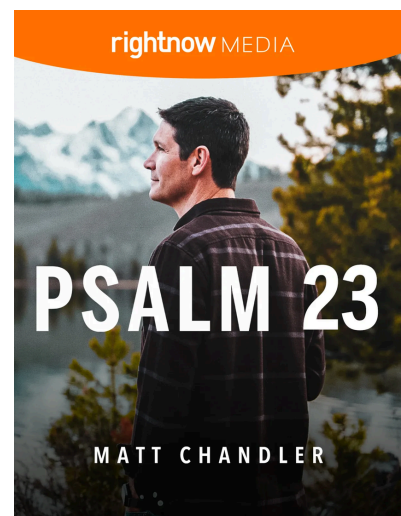
Animated adventures little children love with God-centered lessons parents applaud!

Welcome to Wildwood! Here the folks live just like you and me. They love fun and adventure, enjoy their work and family, and try to learn each day what it means to be like Christ. With Paws & Tales, kids can enjoy meaningful adventure stories and fun animation while they learn biblically based concepts like being thankful, overcoming fear, putting others first, and obeying God's rules.



RIGHTNOW MEDIA ASG January Pick of the Month;

Let's start the year trusting God to take care of all of our needs! Psalm 23 by Matt Chandler is a 6-part series (9 minutes). This psalm teaches us wonderful truths about our loving and protective God. May we hold on to these truths in 2026.





Mark your calendars:
The FCC Kids program will
resume, Wednesday
Feb. 25 at 5:30. There will be a
light meal served, bible study,
fun to be expected.
More information to come.



In Sunday's children's sermon, we explored Isaiah's vision of God in the temple. The children learned that even when Isaiah felt small and imperfect, God forgave him and invited him to serve. We practiced our weekly call-and-response, "God is with us." / "All the time!", which we will use every Sunday at the beginning and end of children's worship as a reminder that God is always present with us. The children also learned Isaiah's response to God's call, joyfully saying, "Here I am, send me!", as a way to remember that God calls each of us—kids included—to love and serve others.

Parent Questions:

1. What do you think it means when we say, "God is with us all the time"?
2. How can your family practice saying "Here I am, send me" through your actions this week?

Mendy Goss/Children's Coordinator



FCC kids bible verse for January:
Romans 8:31 What, then, shall we say in
response to these things? If God is for us,
who can be against us?

