# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
*of* SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 22ND, 2026 – 9:00 AM




First Church is a community growing in grace and reaching out with love.

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*With joy we welcome your presence today, wherever you are.*
*Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship together.*

**Register Your Attendance**

**Welcome**

**Words of Inspiration**

"Have a banana, Hannah. Try the salami, Tommy. Give with the gravy, Davy,
Everybody eats when they come to my house!" ~ Cab Calloway

**Prelude** . . . . . Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

***Prelude on 'Nun danket alle Gott'***
Karl Piutti (1846-1902)

**Worship Guide Notes:** • is an invitation to rise in body or spirit; **bold words** indicate congregational response

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• **Call to Worship** . . . . . Carol Blessing, Liturgist

We sow and eat, spend and save, give and receive.
**We are sustained and blessed in this economy of God.**
God provides the sun and rain, the earth and its bounty,
the harvest and the laborers.
**God gives the fruit and God mourns the spoils.**
God's generosity invites us to more than gratitude.
**We are invited to be generous in spirit and heart,**
**in time and resources, in giving and living.**

## TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #131:** ***We Gather Together***

**Pastoral Prayer** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

**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. Amen.**

**A Time with Children**

*Your children are invited to join our Sunday School immediately following A Time with Children.*
*If this is your child's first time joining, please follow the kids and leaders to register your child.*

## TO HEAR THE WORD

**Anthem** . . . . . Chancel Choir; Brian Lustig, Director

***A Song of Thanksgiving***

John Ferguson (1941-2025)

Lord! You have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Your love never ceases,
your mercies never end.
For you are good, O Lord.
Your steadfast love endures
forever, forever, and ever.
Now thank we all our God
with hearts and voices,
who wondrous things has done.
In whom his word rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
Lord! You have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy God,**
**In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.**
**In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.**
**In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.**
**Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

The Word of God for the People of God: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** ***Overwhelming Generosity*** . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

**Musical Reflection**

***Chorale* on *"Give Thanks"***
James Biery (b. 1956)

## TO RENEW COMMITMENT

**Faith in Action**

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- **Hymn of Faith, TFWS #2036:** ***Give Thanks***

- **Doxology**

  **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
  **Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**
  **Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**
  **Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**
  **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

  **Receive our gratitude, O God.**
  **Bless these gifts, and use our generosity**
  **to bring resources to those in need,**
  **welcome to those who feel alone,**
  **and hope to our corner of the world.**
  **Amen.**

## TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- **Hymn of Commitment, UMH #102:** ***Now Thank We All Our God***

- **Benediction**

**Postlude**

***Grand Choeur***
Théodore-César Salomé (1843-1896)

## FIRST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU IF…

*You are single, married, divorced, gay, transgender, filthy rich, dirt poor, o no habla inglés,*

*You are a crying newborn, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds,*

*You can sing like Aretha Franklin or cannot carry a tune in a bucket,*

*You're "just browsing", just woke up, or you just got out of jail,*

*You've been a Methodist your whole life or haven't been in church except for your little niece's baptism years ago,*

*You've got an AARP card but have yet to grow up, or you're a teenager growing up, too fast.*

*We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, tree huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters.*

*We welcome those who are in recovery or struggling with addiction.*

*We welcome you if you're having problems, or if you're down in the dumps, or if you don't like "organized religion."*

*This church is for you, we've all been there.*

*If you blew all your money in Vegas, you're welcome here.*

*We offer a special welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, those who work too hard,*

*those who don't work, can't spell, or found us because Grandma wants you to go to church.*

*We welcome all those who are inked, pierced or both.*

*We welcome you if your ancestors arrived in chains, below the decks, captained those ships, or have been on this land since the beginning of time.*

*We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now (all of us could use a prayer right now).*

*We'd also like to welcome you if you had religion shoved down your throat, or you got lost on YouTube somehow and ended up here by mistake.*

*We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts…and you!*

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