Let's Worship God Together!
November 15, 2026

Prelude **Aly Soriano**

Welcome **Rev. Elizabeth Hagan**

(We are so glad that you've chosen to worship with us today. If you are a visitor, we'd love for you to share with us a visitor card as found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. We want you to know how happy we are that you are here! Nursery/ Sunday School is available downstairs for babies – 5th grade Our 2nd – 5th graders stay in service until after Children's message & then go to Sunday School.)

***Call to Worship** **Abbi Rogers**

One: We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.
Many: We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church including the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.
One: We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.
Many: We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest that we are on to be united by God's grace.
One: We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.
Many: We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.
One: We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.
Many: We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today and the visions that we see today for the future.
One: Let us gather in celebration as we worship God now!

Hymn of Celebration** ***"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!" ***No. 4***

Concerns of the Church **Rev. Elizabeth Hagan**

Choral Call to Prayer **"*When Jesus Wept*"** **arr: Billings**

You are the God who hears. So today, we bring before God the prayers of our hearts knowing that as we lament, you lament with us. For those among us who face discrimination every day because of their skin color, **Jesus weeps.**
For children in our community and throughout the world who will not have enough food to eat regularly this week, **Jesus weeps.** For those who are facing mental struggles to get out of bed as we speak and don't know how they are going to face another week, **Jesus weeps.**
For those who were given difficult medical diagnoses this week and those who are struggling amid difficult healing journeys that keep going and going, **Jesus weeps.**
For those walking through difficult circumstances who have bravely asked for emotional support and kindness from those around them but have received little in return, **Jesus weeps.**
God of hope, show us how to work for justice together, standing up for what is right, stepping in when something's wrong, shouldering each other's burdens, holding each other accountable, righting the wrongs we've done, and learning to weep as you weep as we pray together:

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.

Song of Response ***"Glory Be to the Father"*** **No. 36**

Children's Moment **Rev. Elizabeth Hagan**

Singing the Psalm **Psalm 130** **Psalter 762**

A Moment for Stewardship
Giving our Gifts **Abbi Rogers**
You can give online through fccathens.org or at the offering plate as it is passed. As always, we are thankful for your generous support of the mission of our church!

Offertory **Aly Soriano**
***The Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creations here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN

***Offertory Prayer** **Abbi Rogers**
Now, in these moments of gratitude, we would offer you a portion of all which you have given to us, Gracious God. We do so, trusting that you will take them, multiplying them, so all might be blessed by your love, your peace, and your hope. Amen.

Choral Offering	***"To Be a Pilgrim"***	**arr: Burt**
Scripture Reading	**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**	**NT, page 13**
Sermon	***"All In"***	***Rev. Elizabeth Hagan***
Song of Reflection	***"The Presence of God"***	***arr: Althouse***

Gathering at the Communion Table

(We celebrate an open communion table and welcome all to participate, adults and children alike from all denominational backgrounds. If you sit in the balcony, elements are available at the back on the table. Gluten free communion is also available.)

Invitation to Communion		**Rev. Elizabeth Hagan**
Song of Preparation	***"In Remembrance of Me"***	***No. 403***
Prayer for Communion		**Josh Cohen**

Sharing Communion Together

(*At this time. you may come forward if you are able to receive communion from one of the pastors, then go to your seat to eat/ drink when given instructions. If you would like us to bring communion to you, raise your hand and an elder will come to you. At the conclusion of the communion service, place the empty cups in the pew holder in front of you.)*

***Commitment Hymn**	***"Here I am, Lord"***	***No. 452***
Life of the Church and Benediction		**Rev. Elizabeth Hagan**
Sung Benediction	***"Wherever You Go"***	
Postlude		**Aly Soriano**

Worship Servants Today:

Counters: Susan Mull and Jeana Allgood

Offering: Tommy Valentine and Phillip Maxwell

Musical Leadership: Aly Soriano and Dr. Colin Mann

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The Life of the Church

- Coming UP in worship: November 22nd is Thanksgiving Sunday. Remember to bring a photo with you to worship of something you are thankful for in the past year; November 29th Advent begins with a 10 am breakfast in the fellowship hall with an intergenerational Advent activity!
- The Athens area Emergency Food Bank has requested this month cold breakfast cereal, plain white rice, saltine crackers and sweet peas.

Concerns of First Christian Church

Jean Rowe Luciani (in the loss of her mother, Carol Woods)

Church members at home:
Mary Beussee
Betty Simmons
Lavonda Cheek
Mike Copas
Ronnie Edgar
Stacy, Kyle & Benjamin Kimmel
Angela Antans
Ann Strawser
Gloria O'Riley

Friends of our congregation:
Lowell Hagan (brother of Kevin Hagan)
Maria Canales (friend of Katie Jones)
Sarah Allgood (daughter-in-law of Carlas and Jeana Allgood)
David Walt (friend of the VanDycks)
Rachel Hagan (Kevin's Hagan's mother)
Ron Bates (friend of Rick Leffel)
Lenora Dyer (friend of Kristin Pope)
Gloria Parker (Mallory Reiter's grandmother)
Emily Faith Sir Louis
Russell Sloan (Angie Townsend's son)
Lauren McClusky (Marguerite Burch's granddaughter)
Carol Lowe (Extended family member of Mike and Marilyn Hiott)
Karen Dolezol (friend of Angela Antans)
Joe Cobb Burch (nephew of Marguerite Burch)
Bill Jordan (son-in-law of Marguerite Burch)