



**May 12, 2024
Installation Sunday**

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Colorado Springs, Colorado



Rev. Monica Banks, pastor
Rev. Teri Nilson Baird, guest officiant
Rev. Dale Matherly, Interim Regional Minister
Carol Wilson, guest organist

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The Community Gathers Before God

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Carol Wilson, guest organist
by J.S. Bach, J.G. Walther

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome Nancy May,
Chair of Pastoral Search Committee

*Call to Worship Nancy May

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.
With bright eyes, let us search.
This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.
With engaged minds, let us ponder.
This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.
With compassionate hearts, let us feel.
This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.
With solid devotion, let us follow.
This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.
With humble intention, let us act.
This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.
With strong voices, let us sing.

*Opening Hymn *Better Is One Day* Chalice Praise #10

*Prayer of Invocation Pastor Phillip Hayes,
retired DOC minister

Greetings from the Church

Statement of Purpose Rev. Dale Matherly,
CRMR Interim Regional Minister

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Nancy May

*Passing of the Peace
Through the Act of passing the peace of Christ, we offer our sincere desire to love our neighbor.

Children's Moment Don Metz, Deacon Chair

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Monica Banks

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Reading Joel 2:26-32 Julia McGregor

Anthem *One Spirit, One Church* Chancel Choir
Arr. by Mark Hayes Nancy Lingbloom, Director

Gospel Scripture Reading Luke 14:15-34 Joan Arnold, Elder
Sermon "The Parable of the Great Dinner" Rev. Teri Nilson Baird,
guest officiant

The Installation of Rev. Monica L. Banks as Pastor

*Installation Hymn Gather Us In #284

Introduction of Rev. Banks and Prayer Nancy May

Covenant Rev. Dale Matherly

Charge to the New Pastor Jack Lingbloom

Do you accept the responsibilities of the office of pastor to which you have been called by this congregation? Do you reaffirm your ordination vows, and do you promise to give yourself wholly to your ministry, and to conduct yourself in such a manner as to reflect credit to Christ and Christ's Church?

Response Rev. Monica L. Banks

Willingly, I reaffirm my ordination vows, believing with all my heart that Jesus is the Christ. It is my desire to devote myself to the ministry of Christ's Church and to bring credit to the gospel of Christ that I preach and teach. I promise to fulfill to my utmost ability the office of a good minister of Jesus Christ. I will diligently and faithfully perform all my duties on behalf of this congregation and the church at large.

*Charge to the Church Jack Lingbloom and Congregation

You, too, are called to become part of this covenant. Will you affirm your calling into the ministry of Jesus Christ that you received at your baptism, understanding with celebration that the Holy Spirit has given to you the gifts needed for service?

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we were baptized and in whose body we live. Understanding, that we have received the gifts of service, we recommit ourselves to our own unique ministries in this congregation and in this community.

Will you affirm your covenant with our region and the general manifestation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, praying for our ministers and leaders, and supporting them through your financial support?

We pledge our continuing support of the Central Rocky Mountain Region and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We shall pray for its leaders and ask God to bless the world with the gospel of Christ.

Regional Affirmation Rev. Dale Matherly

*Pledge of Loyalty Nancy May

Having committed ourselves to a ministry of partnership, let us join completely in this covenant.

We, the members of First Christian Church, Affirm our call to ministry in the name of Jesus, the Christ. As God's servant people we accept these charges: To gather in common worship,

**To minister to all who seek spiritual nurture,
To extend the hand of charity,
To loose the bonds of bigotry, malice, hatred, and ill will,
To share the good news of God's love in deed and word,
To seek knowledge, that each generation may gain in wisdom.
Committed to these principles,**

We gladly receive Reverend Monica Banks as our pastor, affirming her gifts of ministry.

We pledge her our support for her ministry among us.

We promise this day the best that is in us, to her and to one another.

We promise to work with our minister,

Along with the regional church,

Understanding that ours is a shared ministry.

Prayer of Installation Rev. Gay Hatler, trustee

Eternal God, hear the vows we have made to one another this day. Strengthen us to carry out the work laid before us. Gather the varied fibers of our being and fashion us into a living tapestry of loving service--a community in the world witnessing to your Son, the Living Christ, Amen.

Words from the Pastor Rev. Monica Banks

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Communion Hymn	<i>Come to the Table of Grace</i>	see insert
Invitation to Communion		Rev. Monica Banks
Words of Institution		Rev. Dale Matherly
Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving		Bill Carlson, Elder Chair
Communion Music		Carol Wilson

Partaking of the Bread and Cup – shared by Intinction
The table of the Lord is open to any and all who would come. The Lord is host; he invites and welcomes everyone to share in his supper. Please come forth to partake of the bread and cup. (GF bread is available on the right side).

Lord's Prayer Rev. Monica Banks

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

Invitation to Offering Nancy May
Offertory Music Duo Carol Wilson
by Guillaume Lasceaux

*Doxology #47

*Prayer of Dedication

Nancy May

Life of Our Church

The Community Departs for Ministry

Invitation to Discipleship

*Closing Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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*Carrying the Light to the World

*Benediction

Rev. Monica Banks

Postlude

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Carol Wilson

*Those who are able, please stand.

- o **TODAY – Installation Sunday for Pastor Monica L Banks. Dale Matherly, CRMR Regional Interim Minister visiting. Rev. Teri Nilson Baird, guest officiant.**
 - **Brunch-themed Potluck after worship service in fellowship hall.**
- o May 15 –
 - Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
 - NO Sketch Club, on hold until June
- o May 20 – Ministry Board Meeting, 6pm
- o May 26 – Graduation Sunday. After worship service, FCC will host a "Dessert" Potluck meal to celebrate Kaylee & Clair's accomplishments.
 - No Sunday School with Thinkering Lab, 5yr old and up
- o May 27 – Church offices closed in observance of Memorial Day
- o May 29 – Personnel Committee Mtg, 1pm
- o June 4 – Betty Baker memorial service
- o June 8-9 – PIKES PEAK PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE JUNE 8th & 9TH, 2024 Alamo Square Park
Festival: 10am-7pm - Sat & Sun Parade: 11am on Sunday

- ❖ Our **Nursery** is open for children through the age of 4.
- ❖ **Children's Sunday School** is open from age 5 through grade 3.

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Come to the Table of Grace

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Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

*Additional stanzas: *
2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

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TABLE OF GRACE

**Welcome to Rev. Dale Matherly, Rev. Teri Nilson Baird,
and all the others who are part of this special day!**

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