



# FCC CONNECTIONS

## Happy Mother's Day

Worship  
May 10, 2026



She is to be honored.  
*Exodus 20:12*



She looks well to  
her house.  
*Proverbs 31:27*



Strength & dignity  
are her clothing.  
*Proverbs 31:25*



She is not forgotten.  
*Isaiah 49:15*

WHAT DOES THE  
BIBLE SAY  
ABOUT

*Mothers*



Her faith leaves a  
legacy.  
*2 Timothy 1:5*



The Lord comforts  
as a mother comforts  
her child.  
*Isaiah 66:13*



Her children will  
rise up and call her  
blessed.  
*Proverbs 31:28*



She is to teach her  
children diligently.  
*Deuteronomy 6:6*

Welcome  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
Praise Song- "Indescribable"  
Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22  
Sermon: *Defend the Faith*  
Pastor Lew Champ  
Worship Song- "Love Moved  
First"  
Intercessory Prayers  
Communion Song- "Holy  
Forever"  
Eucharist  
Thanksgiving Prayer  
Offering  
Doxology  
Announcements  
Closing Song- "Death Was  
Arrested"  
Benediction



the text this week



NEW CONCERNS -

Della Williams does not hurt at all after her surgery and it is healing fine!

Phil Holland's elbow is doing better, he had a cortisone shot. The doctors will like him to consider surgery but he's hoping this shot will make it possible NOT to have surgery!

Rex Christopher's appointment on 4/28 went well and he does not have to have another for 2 years!

Barbers are all moved in, just have some more boxes to go through.

Christa's surgery is scheduled for 6/16.

Kristie Firme has asked for prayer for her Walk to Emmaus at the end of May. She will be leading the trip!

Genesis, Carla's granddaughter, is in need of prayers.

Ellie Beede, Pat Crough's friend, fell and broke her neck in two places. She has a neck brace but is able to walk! Please pray for Ellie.

MISSIONARY -

Pastor Julia Chen Chou is on an all liquid diet. She is in a lot of pain. It's still hard for her to talk, so she is asking for no calls at this time.

CANCER -

Please pray for all those fighting cancer.

John Drury's mother, Bill Spicer, J.R. Coberly, Christina LaBlanc, Jessie, McGrew, Mike Kerker, Malita Mahali, Nora Fanelli, Emerson, Kelly Rae Churchill, Michelle, Wade Gandee, Jeanne Klemm, Gracie Dixon, Alizar Chavez Mendoza, Lew Champ, Keith Hobson, Darren Campbell, Gary Mix, Kyle Bean, Dean Meharg, Randy Richards

DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S -

Please pray for everyone who is dealing with declining memory and Alzheimer's.

OUR CHURCH -

Please for and about the Search Committee. Since Chris is leaving, the Search Committee would like to have another person serve on the committee. Please pray about it and speak with Bill if you are called to do so.

WEATHER -

Please pray for rain for our land. Pray to end this drought, for the farmers, for the crops, and for the livestock.

The folks around Enid, Oklahoma who experienced an EF-4 tornado, there were not deaths but more than 40 homes were destroyed. Church World Service is there helping.

Pray for all the crazy weather tragedies.

CONTINUING PRAYERS -

- Lew Champ
- Frances Mason
- Ronald (Sue Lovell's Friend's brother)
- Kay Gentry
- Matt & Ceri Russell
- Leo, AJ & Sarah Sonnenberg
- Bill & Sharon Spicer
- Schonefelds (Merkl's neighbors)
- Adriana
- Carol Graybill
- Ariya Barber
- Koy
- Nettie Axtell
- Georgia
- Denise Gaynor
- Addy Bacon
- Renee (Sue Lovell's Friend)
- Wade Pelton
- Gordon Jones
- Carole Wohlers
- Sasaki Family
- Kelly Hartman
- Tim (Lovell's friend)
- Maxine McFarland
- Gene & Rita Uhler
- Liam
- Rodriquez Family

Lectionary Readings

6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22-31

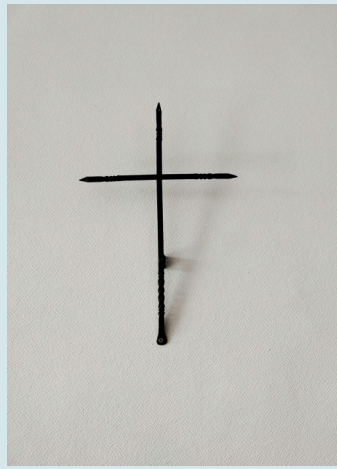
Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

This Sunday,  
May 10

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22  
Sermon: Defend the Faith  
Pastor Lew Champ



**Prayer Intcessors**  
Meet every  
Sunday morning  
at 9:00 am

**TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE  
KINDNESS, AND WALK  
HUMBLY WITH YOUR  
GOD. -MICAH 6:8**



BECAUSE FAITH  
WITHOUT JUSTICE  
IS EMPTY-  
AND JUSTICE, AT  
ITS HEART, IS

**LOVE IN ACTION.**

**2026 PENTECOST OFFERING  
SUNDAYS MAY 17 AND MAY 24**



# FAREWELL & BEST WISHES!

## POTLUCK DINNER

### For the Merkl's

Sunday, June 7, 2026 | Following Worship

All are invited to come and give farewell hugs and visit before they move late in June. They have been a wonderful part of our congregation and leadership team and will be missed greatly. Meat, drinks, & table service will be provided.

## First Christian Church

**Our Mission**—To make more and better Christians for the sake of the world.

**Our Vision**—We seek to be a faithful Christian community with a deep love for God and others.



05/14 Abigayle Padilla

## HAPPY Anniversary

05/14 Cody & Alissa Sonnenberg

05/15 George & Marsha Lulf



Baptisms will be held on May 24th, Pentecost Sunday. If you are interested in confessing your faith in Jesus and being baptized, please contact Lew as soon as possible.

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### LINKS TO LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE

**Facebook FULL Service — Available for a few weeks:**

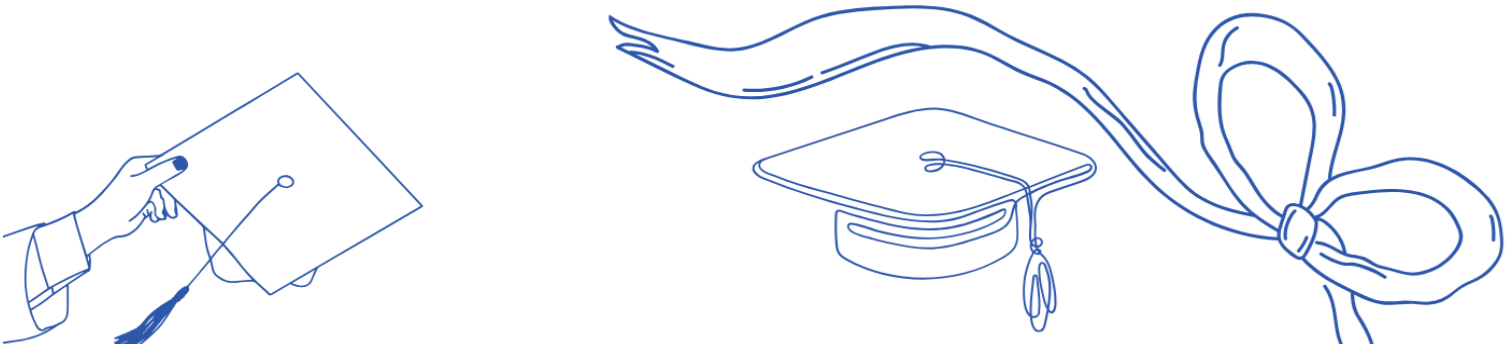
<https://www.facebook.com/fccsterlingcolorado/videos/1498625131793711>

**YouTube ONLY Sermon — Always Available:**

<https://youtu.be/lc1DqTnQ-CM>

### SERVING SCHEDULE

| Date   | Usher          | Preparing Deacon | Elder           |
|--------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| May 10 | Della Williams | Marcia Lulf      | Chris Merkl     |
| May 10 | Della Williams | Marcia Lulf      | Sandy Van Dusen |



# Congratulations Graduates



## **Emma Berg**

Wanda Berg's granddaughter, graduating from CSU, Engineering degree, already has a job in California lined up!

## **Elle**

Julie and Sam's granddaughter, graduating from NJC!

## **Chace**

Linda and Chris's grandson, graduating in Castle Rock

## **Tyler**

Linda and Mark's grandson, graduating from Prairie High School

## **Amelia Hupke**

Bobbie and Matt's daughter, graduating from Goal High School



Continuing to High School:

**Aiden Padilla**

**Ariah Barber**

**Colt Corman**

**Corbin**

