

September 5 , 2026



Around the Table

Stories, Updates, and Life at First Christian Church

Pull up a chair . . .

Under the Fig Tree ~ Loving When it is Hard



Iceland is rising. Or, more precisely, the island's "ice" part is shrinking, causing the "land" part to rebound from the Earth's crust—a process that's happening at a pace much faster than scientists had previously realized. In fact, its glaciers are melting so swiftly that parts of Iceland are rising as much as 1.4 inches (35mm) a year.

That's according to research just published (paywall) by a team led by scientists from the University of Arizona. The study is the first to directly link the Earth's accelerating uplift with global warming's glacial thaw. As this process intensifies, the scientists warn, it risks upping the frequency of volcanic eruptions.

What's new here isn't the science itself, exactly. Glaciers are so heavy that they weigh down the earth that they cover. A while back, geologists discovered that where huge chunks of ice are thinning, the earth beneath them starts rebounding. And evidence suggests that higher latitudes are warming faster than the global average. What scientists haven't understood, though, is whether the ground's bounce-back comes from glaciers that melted long ago—or whether this is due to recent climate change.

We all witnessed the horrifying evidence of this last week in the pictures from Nepal when a 200 foot wall of water and rock cascaded down on a village on the border of Nepal and China with a loss of life to be 1000 or more in the coming weeks. The power of this event is startling and sobering. It reveals, once again, that nature is a force to be reckoned with.

In Iceland, at least, global warming is the culprit, according to Richard Bennett, a UA associate professor of geosciences. He and his team figured this out by attaching GPS receivers to rocks all over Iceland, and then calculating how far the rocks traveled over time. "What we're observing is a climatically induced change in the Earth's surface," he says.

Will our efforts to use less non-renewable resources and recycle non-renewable materials help curb for a time or maybe even dramatically alter this climatically induced change in the Earth's surface? I don't know. I still encourage us to do what we can and to pray, pray, pray. September 9 is The Feast of Creation and Christ which honors The Christ present in and part of the creation of the world. The service will be one of praise and thanksgiving for the universe that God has made.

Come join on Sunday September 13 as we worship and praise God the Creator of our universe.

Sunday Worship

September 5, 2026

Welcome

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Praise Song— "Who Am I"

Scriptures: Mark 1:11

Romans 8:38-39

Sermon: God's Love is
Not A Wage

Pastor Lew Champ

Worship Song—

"Goodness of God"

Intercessory Prayers

Communion Song—

"Spirit of the Living God"
Eucharist

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Announcements

Closing Song— "You've
Already Won"

Benediction



Lectionary Readings

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

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Prayer Intercessors

Meet every
Sunday morning
at 9:00 AM

Prayer Concerns

NEW CONCERNS -

Pat McReynolds surgery is on 9/9 in Greeley. She has pockets in her lungs that are filled with fluid, causing breathing difficulties.

Ron Tatman, Linda Champ's brother, will have a triple bypass and a valve replacement. Date not set yet.

Pastor Lew Champ surgery on 9/23. His neck is getting fused.

Julie Chen Chou cancer is stage 1.

Phil Holland surgery is on 9/30 in Greeley.

Tom is having knee and back pain.

Jim McBride had a pine tree fall on him home during one of the bad storms.

Spencer Green, Reverend at Christ United Methodist Church, has been in the hospital with health issues.

DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S -

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

CANCER -

Please pray for all those fighting cancer.

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

OUR CHURCH -

Pray for the transition team, elders, and all those who will be guiding our church into the next phase of her life.

GRIEF -

Siri Russell, daughter-in-law to Gene & Nena Russell, grieving over the loss of her brother, Cody Henry, 52, who passed away in July. Cody's service will be on Saturday, 9/5 at Tennant Funeral Home at 1:00PM.

Josh & Lindsey Hager - Josh's grandmother, JoAnne Pfaltzgraff, passed away. JoAnne was Nita Gillham's mother. Memorial Service was on 8/29.

JOYS -

Jim McBride's grandson's wedding was on 8/29.

Leo Sonnenberg started preschool.

Sarah Sonnenberg has her c-section scheduled for Friday, 9/4.
A little boy ♥

Sam & Julie Sonnenberg's great grandchild was baptized on 8/30!

CONTINUING PRAYERS -

Neil & Jessica Lovell

George Lulf

Christa Barber

Abby (Lisa Hedlund's niece)

Padilla Family

Brenda Palmer

Gordon Felzien

Steve Firme

Kay Gentry

Coy

JR Coberly

Ellie Beede

Frances Mason

Leo, AJ & Sarah Sonnenberg

Carol & Myron Graybill

Renee (Sue Lovell's friend)

Wade Pelton

Carole Wohlers

Tim (Lovell's friend)

6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

MONDAYS • 10AM-12PM

1. LOVE	G C J P O F S C Y Y J M V R B
2. GOD	D O P J D E Y H V V V J E F R
3. SON	I E D O I S K R Q N P O W E R
4. JOY	C F C R E O D I A J C J Y H L
5. SEPARATE	T R R N N N C S Y W P Y E Z E
6. CONVINCED	I O E C I I T T U N E A K J S
7. FEARS	W O C A T V T B L O V E O J R
8. WORRIES	I P J P T N N E T E W Y K W A
9. POWER	J R J P R I Q O N K S P N O E
10. CREATION	L U S V C T O A C B H K B F F
11. CHRIST	V N M L L R M N V K T X O S R
12. HEAVEN	E T A R A P E S D T D D W E G
	T F K A U Z Z L G C I E G S Z
	Y W P V D Y C V O E Q D O H F
	J J W Y T R Z L W D O O Z B R

Links From Sunday



Full Sunday Service

Available on Facebook for a few weeks



Sermon ONLY

Available on YouTube

Serving Schedule

Date	Usher	Preparing Deacon	Elder
9/6	Gene & Nena Russell	Pam Ferdig	Julie Sonnenberg
9/13	Gene & Nena Russell	Pam Ferdig	Julie Sonnenberg

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.



9/10 Tammy Sonnenberg
9/12 Jadon Russell

God is love



1 John 4:8

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