

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2015

10:45 am

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson
Please be in prayerful meditation as we open our minds and hearts to God.

Welcome and Greeting David Hartman
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Hymn of Praise No. 725
"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*Invocation David Hartman
To you, O God, we lift up our souls. To you we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in your truth and teach us. For you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust; and the One on whom we wait. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 36
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD

Children's Message Sarah Cook

Child Dedication Service David Hartman

Pastoral Prayer David Hartman

The Lord's Prayer Malotte
Dalton Flake, solo

Reading of the Scripture David Hartman

Galatians 5:1, 13-24

Pew Bible Page 190

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"America the Beautiful" arr. Danner

Sermon David Hartman
"For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free"

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Hymn *"All Who Hunger"* No. 419
Communion Invitation Bill Jennings
Elders' Prayers David Gately & Ted Lauck
Sharing the Bread and Cup
All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.
Please partake of the bread as it is passed;
*we will share the cup together**,*
after sharing our common confession:
I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

THE OFFERING
Invitation to Stewardship David Hartman
Offertory Chancel Choir
"God of All the Nations" Zinter
Dalton Flake and Linda C. Carr, soloists
The words to this anthem are found on page 722 in the Chalice Hymnal.
*Doxology No. 46
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
*Prayer of Dedication David Hartman

THE GOING FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship David Hartman

*Hymn of Discipleship No. 677
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*The Benediction David Hartman

*Choral Response Chancel Choir

*Postlude Debbie Watson

BELONGING TO THIS FAMILY OF GOD

If you would like to belong to our church family, we would welcome you with open arms. Please complete one of the "Decision Cards" in the back of your pew and present it to the minister when you come to the front of the church during the singing of our hymn of discipleship; or, if you prefer, you may speak privately to the minister at anytime.

NURSERY

A quality nursery for infants and young children is available during our worship services. We make available to parents, if they desire, an in-house pager, so they can be reached during the worship service. Also available during the week is our childcare programs of Children Come First and Young Ages Preschool.

"GODLY PLAY"

Children ages 3 years thru 2nd grade may participate in "Godly Play" following the Children's Moment. Godly Play allows children to worship and fellowship together in a special environment. Children may be retrieved from Room 213 immediately following the worship service.

HEARING AID DEVICES

Are available for those in need by asking an usher in the Sanctuary Narthex.

SERMONS

Last week's sermon is available in print form in the Narthex of the Chapel and Sanctuary.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING AREA

The church staff parking lot is available every Sunday morning for members and guests with special needs. Please be mindful of those that need extra room to load and unload wheelchairs and make it easier for them to worship on Sunday mornings!

COMMON GROUND RECOVERY MINISTRIES

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRADLEY given by Peggy Fitts
IN MEMORY OF GWYN WHITE given by Peggy Fitts

* If you are able, please stand.

** A few cups of water are in the communion tray for those on sugar-free diets.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 5:14 CGRM Evening Worship Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Common Ground Recovery Ministries (CGRM) Groups:
 - Anger Recovery (Room 304)
 - Chemical Addictions Recovery (Room 305)
 - Parenting (Room 306)
 - Women's C.A.R.E. (Room 307)
 - Family Challenges Support (Room 310)

PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 5th
12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27-31

9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Ages:
4 Years to 4th Grade

AUGUST GARAGE GIVEAWAY

Start saving for an August Garage Giveaway for MSU International Students. Students who come to Midwestern State University from the Caribbean and other areas of the world often find they lack resources for housekeeping. These students live at Colony Park and Brentwood Apartments down the street from us on Taft. The Outreach Ministry is planning an event to supply some of these items, especially housewares and furniture. Save your stuff until August. We will let you know the exact day once we know when the students will arrive. Jerry Johnson has generously offered to store items at Jerry's Sporting Goods if needed. This is a great chance to support the university and its students. Look for the list in the Challenger and in the Sunday School classrooms. Call Ann Hunter, 692-2324, or Sally Hastings, 224-4416, if you have any questions.

ALUMINUM CANS

If you have aluminum cans that you would like recycle instead of throw away, the youth group is collecting these and proceeds from the recycled cans will go to a non-profit of the youth group's choosing at a later time. If you would like to help contribute, please bring cans to the church office, these must be clean cans and bagged, and it is highly preferred that these be crushed in advance to save space. Not only is this a good chance to recycle, but this will be a good chance to help build our community into a little bit stronger place.

THE YOUTH'S COOKIE MIX FUNDRAISER

If you are in a spring baking mood, the youth group still has cookie jars for sale, now for \$7 each! Each one has the necessary dry ingredients to make roughly two dozen cookies, and directions attached to the outside for the wet ingredients and baking directions. Funds from the cookie jars benefit the mission trip to Nashville for the youth, and if you purchase these after the mission trip this year, proceeds will benefit the mission trip for next year.

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Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary* Pam Poulos, *Receptionist*
Debbie Watson, *Organist* Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, July 5, 2015**
- 8:40—Worship Chapel
 - 9:30—Sunday School
 - 10:00—Leave for Eighters' Camp (Grade 8) (July 5-11) Athens TX
 - 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
"Child Dedication Service"
 - 12:00—Prime Timers Luncheon Fellowship Hall
 - 5:14-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities
- Monday, July 6, 2015**
- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
 - 10:00—Leave for Chi Rho Camp (Grades 6-7) (July 6-11).... Athens TX
 - 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting Office
 - 4:30—CCF Staff Meeting Room 402
 - 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym
- Tuesday, July 7, 2015**
- 2:00—Library Committee Library
- Wednesday, July 8, 2015**
- 7:00am—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
- Thursday, July 9, 2015**
- 1:30—Knit Wits Parlor
- Sunday, July 12, 2015**
- 8:40—Worship Fellowship Hall
 - 9:30—Sunday School
 - 10:45—Worship Fellowship Hall
 - 5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities

NEW WEBSITE & EMAILS

The new church website, www.firstchristianwf.com, has launched. It's user-friendly and informative, designed for both church members and visitors. You can find Sunday's sermon title and scripture and upcoming events with links to the Challenger, recent sermons and Worship Bulletins. Read about our many church groups and outreach projects. Share it with your friends!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES: The staff email addresses have changed. Emails now end with @firstchristianwf.com. Links are also be available on the new website.

**CHALLENGER TO BE EVERY TWO WEEKS
CHALLENGER THIS WEEK!**

During the month of July the "Challenger" will be published every two weeks and will return to weekly publication on August 5th.

The deadline for articles to be placed in the "Challenger" is 5:00 pm on Mondays. Articles may be dropped off in the church office or emailed to Susan at: susan@firstchristianwf.com.



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