

12th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 16, 2015 10:45 am

## THE GATHERING

Prelude Jeanette Showalter  
*Please be in prayerful meditation as we open our minds and hearts to God.*

Welcome and Greeting Renee Hoke  
The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Call to Worship  
**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.**

\*Hymn of Praise No. 622  
*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

\*Invocation Justin Dickey  
**Eternal God, we thank you for this house of prayer in  
which you bless your family on its journey. Help us to  
worship you in spirit and in truth; that our consciences may  
be quickened by your holiness, our minds nourished by your  
truth, our hearts opened to your love, and our wills  
surrendered to your purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
we pray. 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 Justin Dickey

Pastoral Prayer, & Lord's Prayer David Hartman  
**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  
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response to Prayer "Twofold Amen" Chancel Choir

Reading of the Scripture Renee Hoke  
John 6:51-58  
Pew Bible Page 98

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir  
*"My Heart is Steadfast, O God"* Butler

Sermon "Bread of Heaven" David Hartman

## THE SACRAMENT

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn "All Who Hunger" No. 419  
Communion Invitation Ted Lauck  
Elders' Prayers David Gately & Bill Jennings  
Music during Communion Andrew Allen, saxophone  
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 Renee Hoke  
Offertory "Panis Angelicus" Franck  
*The angel's bread becomes the bread of men. The heavenly bread  
ends all symbols. Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will  
nourish the poor and humble servant.*  
Sharon Mucker, mezzo soprano, and Andrew Allen, saxophone  
\*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 Renee Hoke

## THE GOING FORTH

\*Invitation to Discipleship David Hartman

\*Hymn of Discipleship No. 480  
*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

\*The Benediction David Hartman

\*Choral Response Chancel Choir

\*Postlude Jeanette Showalter

\* If you are able, please stand.

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

## WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome! We're glad you are with us for worship today. We want you to feel right at home. For 125 years First Christian Church has been a place where people come seeking a richer relationship with God and neighbor. No matter what your background or previous experience of church, this is a congregation where you can put down roots and experience true community. Our ministry staff and elders leading in worship today will be available after worship to answer your questions. It is our prayer that any person searching for meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging will find it here at First Christian Church of Wichita Falls.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Adult peer support groups each Sunday afternoon at 6:00 pm (Family Challenges, Women's C.A.R.E., Anger Management, Chemical Addictions Recovery & Parent Groups) For more information contact Rev. Dave Brummett, 613-2112.

### MIDWEEK RESPITE SERVICE

We are offering a Wednesday evening period of quiet prayer and respite in our Chapel from 5:30-6:30. Members and visitors are warmly invited to come in and pray for however long or as little as they feel led; from 5:45-6:00, there will be a brief vespers service consisting of scripture, guided prayer and communion.

**Sunday Evening Activities Schedule**

- 5:14 CGRM Evening Worship Ministry (Fellowship Hall)  
The speaker will be Rev. Dave Brummett.
- 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)

**GOD BLESS TEACHERS!**

Join us next Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
during the 10:45 am Worship Service  
in the Sanctuary for the  
**Blessing of Teachers**  
Everyone welcome!

Please make your reservations in the attendance folders for the  
**ANNIVERSARY MEMORY PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

Next Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall  
Program: "125th Anniversary Memory" by Dr. Hartman  
Menu: Eating of the Greens: Choice of salads, baked potatoes  
with all the trimmings, and dessert. Cost is by donation.  
Everyone welcome!

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Wednesday, August 26th  
6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Speaker: Deanna Watson, Editor  
Wichita Falls Times Record News



**New Midweek Ministry Begins September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Join First Christian Church as we embark on a new series of programs for ALL ages! We'll gather together for a meal then break out for group Bible studies!

- 5:30-6:00PM Family Meal
- 6:00-7:00PM Young Disciples (K-5)  
Check In (6-12)  
Adult Studies
- 7:00-8:00PM Open Gym

Join us for a new community of individuals gathered in Christ's name and bringing together all generations and demographics. FEAST offers a place for fellowship, education, advocacy, and service in order to transform us into better Disciples of Christ. Join us for dinner followed by separate studies for children, youth, and adults alike.

2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

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- Dr. David B. Hartman, Jr., *Senior Minister*
- Rev. Renee Hoke, *Associate Minister*
- Jeanette Showalter, *Director of Music Ministries*
- Justin Dickey, *Director of Youth & Children's Ministries*
- Rev. Dave Brummett, *Director of Recovery Ministries*
- Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
- Karen Bivona, *Director of Young Ages School*
- Cheryl Appling, *Business Administrator*
- Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary*
- Debbie Watson, *Organist*
- Susan Marrs, *Executive Secretary*
- Pam Poulos, *Receptionist*
- Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, August 16, 2015**

- 8:40—Worship ..... Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship ..... Sanctuary
- 5:14-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities

**Monday, August 17, 2015**

- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
- 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting..... Office
- 7:00—125th Anniversary Committee Meeting ..... Room 402
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 ..... Gym

**Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

- 2:00—Library Committee..... Library

**Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast ..... Room 402 & Chapel
- 12:00-2:00—Youth Open Gym (Grades 6-12)..... Gym & Youth Room
- 5:30—Respite Service ..... Chapel
- 7:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) ..... Stratten Hall

**Thursday, August 20, 2015**

- 9:00—CWF Group 3 Birthday Breakfast ..... IHOP-SW Pkwy
- 1:30—Knit Wits..... Parlor

**Sunday, August 23, 2015**

- 8:40—Worship ..... Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship & "Blessing of Teachers" ..... Sanctuary
- 12:00—Anniversary Memory Fellowship Lunch..... Fellowship Hall
- 5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
IF A CHURCH MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED**

Due to a policy change and the HIPAA law, United Regional Health Care System's Chaplain's Office can no longer give us a list of the new patient admissions into the hospital each day. They are allowed to give us room numbers if we call and ask about a specific person, and they will notify us if a patient specifically tells the Chaplain to call us.

Therefore, if a church member enters any hospital, the church office now needs for either you the patient, a family member, a friend, or another church member to call and tell us. If in doubt, please, everyone, go ahead and call the church office as we would prefer to receive many calls about someone being hospitalized, than us not knowing at all!



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Wichita Falls, Texas