

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2015 10:45 am

THE GATHERING

Gathering
Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Welcome and Greeting Justin Dickey
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prelude Debbie Watson
*Hymn of Praise No. 110
You Servants of God

*Invocation Justin Dickey
We have come to praise you this morning, O God, thankful that you call us all, thankful that you bless us all. We come to praise you this morning, O God, with visions and dreams, mindful that you give us all, in different ways, a message of hope to proclaim. Guide us, teach us, empower us, we pray. Equip us for ministry in your name, and receive this day our thanks and praise. 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
Special Presentation David Hartman

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 Chancel Choir
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Reading of the Scripture Renee Hoke
Mark 10:35-45
Pew Bible Page 47

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
Thy Word arr. Schraeder

Sermon *Boss Servant* David Hartman

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Hymn *Take Our Bread* No. 413
Communion Invitation Andy Wilson
Elders' Prayers Bill Jennings & Ronnie James
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 Debbie Watson
*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. 621
"Are Ye Able," Said the Master
*The Benediction David Hartman
*Choral Response Chancel Choir
*Postlude Debbie Watson

* If you are able, please stand.

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

Please join us following worship
for a brief service of dedication of the
Memorial Garden Columbarium.

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 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 or at www.firstchristianwf.com.

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.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF A CHURCH MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED

Due to hospital policy changes & HIPAA laws, if a church member enters any hospital, the church office has no way of knowing and now needs for either the patient, a family member, a friend, or another church member to call and tell us. If in doubt, please, 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!

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF MARY LANCASTER given by Kerry & Sharon Roach, Richard & Margaret Phillips.

The flowers this morning are given by Robert & Sally Hastings in memory of her mother, Norma Ann Turner.

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Join us Wednesday evening as we explore the writings of the New Testament. This 8-week survey course led by Rev. Renee Hoke will help participants engage in a deeper conversation with the writers of the NT and understand how the early church claimed the story of Jesus. The study includes a schedule of daily Bible readings and weekly video presentations by leading New Testament scholars. Room 305, 6-7 pm. Participant book \$12. FEAST family meal at 5:30 pm.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 3:45 Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)
- 4:30 Come As You Are "Amazing Race" [Grades 6-12]
- 5:00 Grow in Grace Choir [Grades K-5] (Stratten Hall)
- 5:14 CGRM Evening Worship Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
The speaker will be Rev. Erin Taylor.
- 5:45 Young Disciples [Grades K-5] (Rooms 309 & 311)
- 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)

125th Anniversary Celebrations

Everyone is invited to the following activities that are planned for the weekend of October 24-25, 2015.

Saturday, October 24, 2015

All Church Picnic and Games

Fellowship Hall and Activities Building

5:00 pm

Bring the family and have fun playing together and sharing funny stories from the past and present. We will have an "indoor picnic" at 6:00 with hamburgers, hot dogs, and anniversary cake.

Cost is by donation.

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Celebration Sunday!

10:45 Worship Service in Sanctuary

We will have only one service and have invited members of Park Place Christian Church to join us. A luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall with a brief anniversary program.

Cost is by donation.

RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED by Monday, October 19th!

Please contact the church office at 692-2282.

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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. Erin Taylor, *Director of Recovery Ministries*
- Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
- Karen Bivona, *Director of Young Ages School*
- Cheryl Appling, *Business Administrator*
- Susan Marrs, *Executive Secretary*
- Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary*
- Pam Poulos, *Receptionist*
- Debbie Watson, *Organist*
- Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 18, 2015

- 8:40—Worship Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
- 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
- 12:00—Columbarium Dedication Garden of the Cross
- 12:00—Youth Disciples Mystery Trip
- 3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities

Monday, October 19, 2015

- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
- 9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (M-F)
- 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting Office
- 12:00—CWF Group 2 Room 405
- 1:30—CWF Group 1 Parlor
- 2:00—CWF Group 3 Room 402
- 6:00—125th Anniversary Committee Meeting Room 402
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

- 2:00—Library Committee Library
- 5:00—Prayer Team for Persecuted Church Room 310
- 6:00—Ministries Meetings Fellowship & Scout Halls
(Education, Evangelism, Membership, Stewardship, World Outreach)
- 7:00—Worship Ministry Meeting Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
- 10:00—Women's Fall Bible Study Room 310
- 5:00-5:30—Mid-Week Communion Service Chapel
- 5:30-6:00—FEAST Fellowship Meal Fellowship Hall
- 6:00-7:00—FEAST Small Groups:
Young Disciples Group (Grades K-5) Rooms 309 & 311
360 (Grades 6-12) Room 403C
Adult Bible Study: "Too Busy Not To Pray" Room 305
- 7:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall
- 7:00-7:15—FEAST Communion & Prayer Chapel
- 7:15-8:00—FEAST Open Gym Gym

Thursday, October 22, 2015

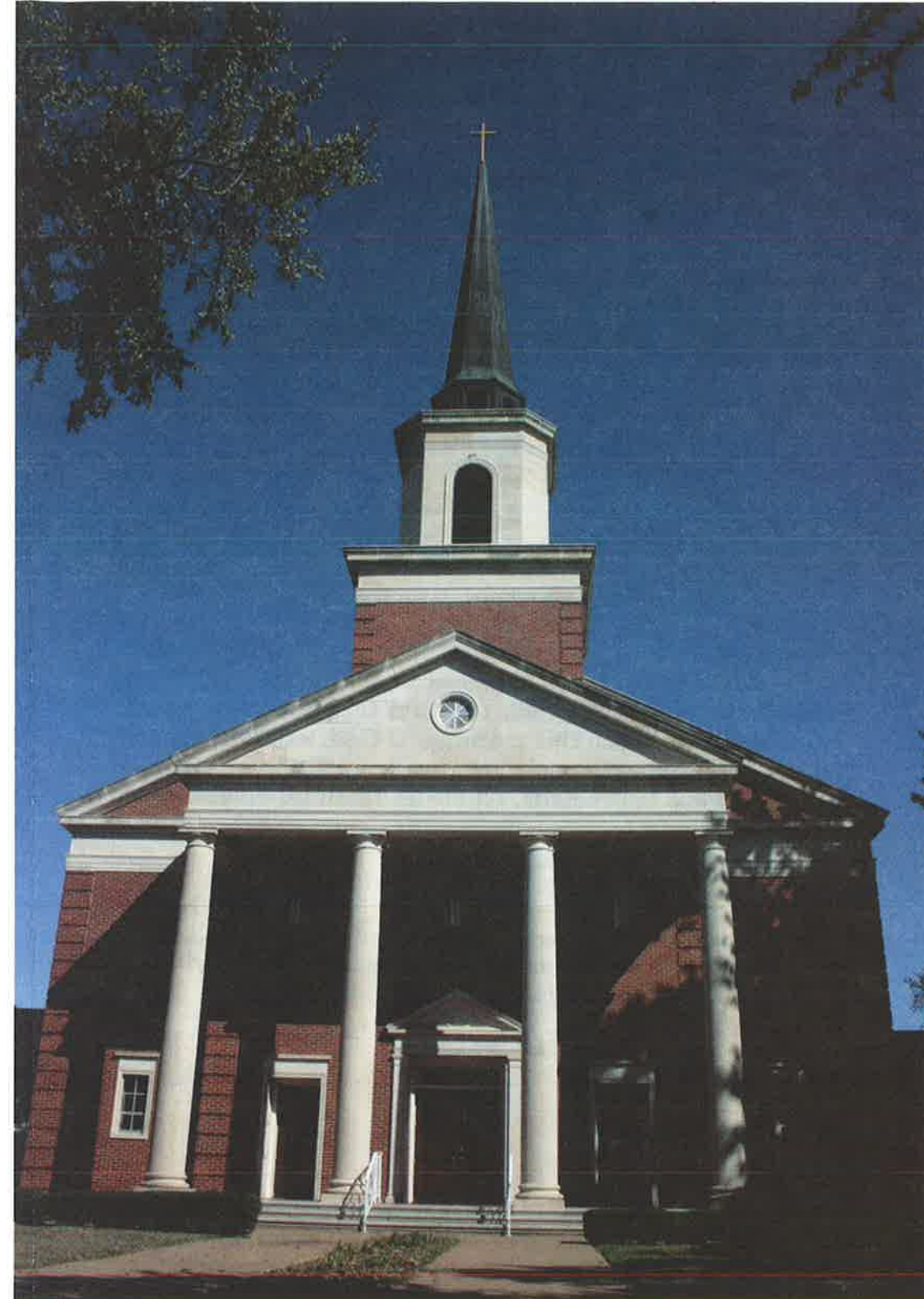
- 1:30—Knit Wits Parlor

Saturday, October 24, 2015

- 5:00—125th Anniversary Picnic & Game Night Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 25, 2015

- NO—Worship Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
- 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
- 12:00—125th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon Fellowship Hall
- 3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities - No Youth Groups
- 6:00-8:00—Trunk or Treat Gym & East Parking Lot



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Wichita Falls, Texas

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF Group Meetings will be as follows: on **Monday, October 19:** Group 1 will meet at 1:30 pm in the Parlor. **Group 2** at 12:00 noon in Room 405; **Group 3** at 2:00 pm in Room 402.

First Christian Church Presents

Trunk or Treat

WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME!

Sunday, October 25th 2015

6:00-8:00 PM

JOIN US FOR HALLOWEEN GAMES, FOOD, DOOR PRIZES, CANDY, AND MUCH MORE!

FCC Gymnasium

COME JOIN THE FUN!