

18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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.
We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and share the load.

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

Prelude Debbie Watson

*Hymn of Praise No. 464
God of Grace and God of Glory

*Invocation Justin Dickey
Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many
different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of
gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of
suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our
burdens and receive our praise. Bind us together, that we
may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go
forth in service to the world. In your holy name, 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 Chancel Choir
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Reading of the Scripture David Hartman
Mark 9:38-48
Pew Bible Page 45

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
Ho! Everyone Who Thirsteth Harris

Sermon David Hartman
Irresistible Community: What Do We Cut Away for Christ?

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn *I Come With Joy* No. 420
Communion Invitation Howard Morris
Elders' Prayers Roma Prassel & 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
I Thank My God for You Martin
*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. 612
O Jesus, I Have Promised
*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.

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 CHARLES SALTER JR. given by Kaye Holland, Pat Thacker, Sheila & Craig Reynolds.

IN MEMORY OF JAN GRAY given by Kaye Holland.

IN MEMORY OF KENNETH MARRS given by Pat Thacker.

The flowers this morning are given by Robert & Sally Hastings in memory of her father, Joe Bailey Turner.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Lorelei Mae Watkins, born on September 21st, in Tallahassee FL. Lorelei Mae is the daughter of Robert & Claire Watkins and granddaughter of Ron & Bettye Watkins.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 3:45 Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)
- 5:00 Grow in Grace Choir [Grades K-5] (Stratten Hall)
- Family Game Night (Rooms 402 & 405)
- 5:14 CGRM Evening Worship Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
The speaker will be Rev. Erin Taylor.
- 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)

CHURCH LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

The Church Library is hosting a Used Book Sale to benefit our library's collection today during the Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:30 am, in the hallway outside the Library. Books will be sold by donations.



First Christian Church Presents:

Family Game Night

September 27th

5:00-7:00PM

What to bring:

Your favorite board game and a snack to share!

PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, October 4th
12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

PANTRY SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4TH

Pantry Sunday for Interfaith Ministries will be next Sunday, October 4th. Items for collection will be **canned fruit and powdered milk**. Also needed are the **reusable cloth shopping bags**. IMI and Outreach appreciate your gifts to this project each month.

OPEN FLOWER DATES

If you would like to donate the flowers for the worship service in the Sanctuary, the following dates are open: **October 4th & 11th**. To donate or for more info, call Peggy Fitts, Flower Coordinator, 781-2426.

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

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 27, 2015
RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING
8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:30—Church Library Used Book Sale..... Hallway Outside the Library
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities
5:00—Family Game Night Rooms 402 & 405

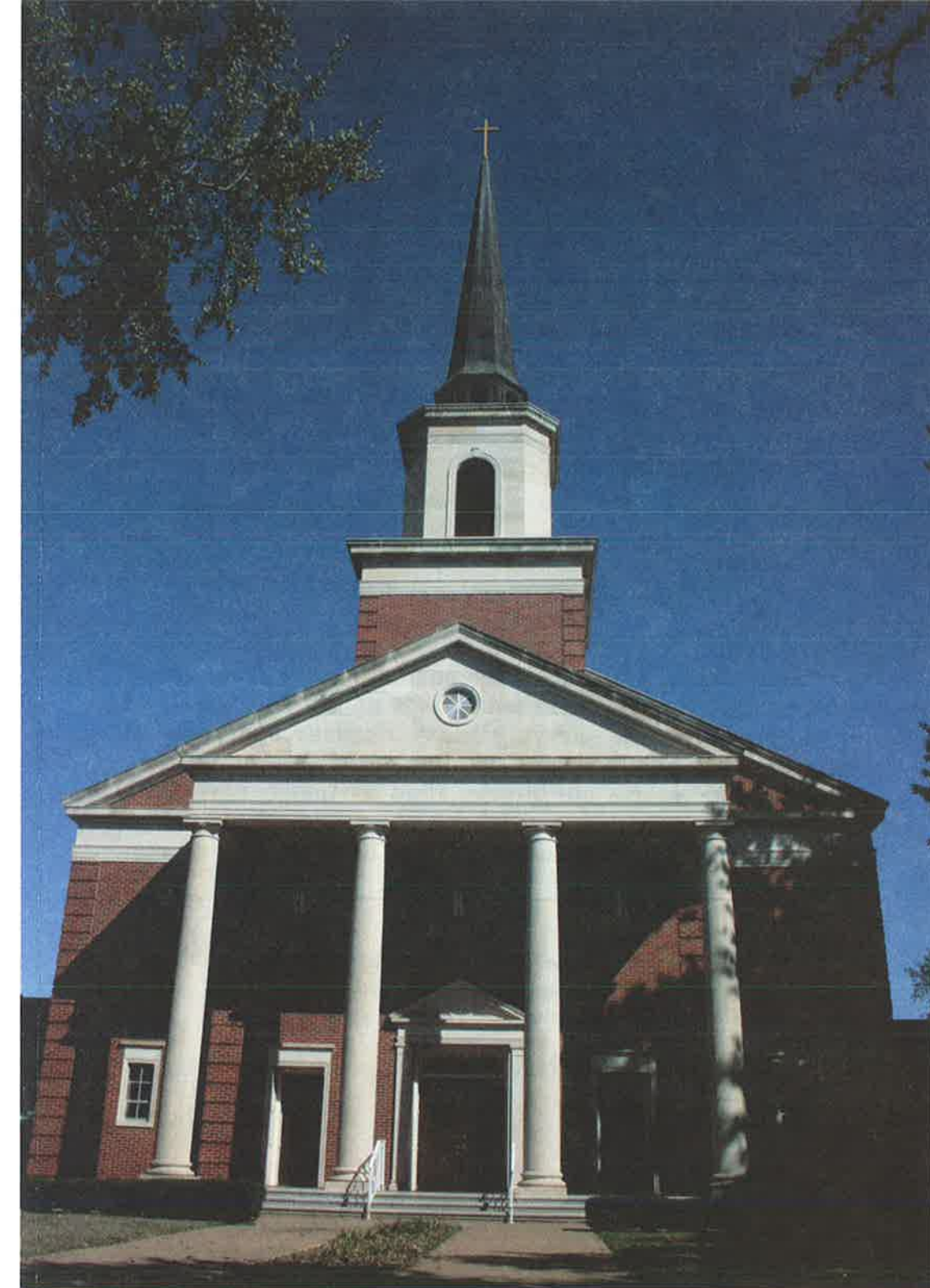
Monday, September 28, 2015
7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (M-F)
10:15—FCC Staff Meeting Office
6:00—CGRM Continuing Education Room 307
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, September 29, 2015
2:00—Library Committee Library

Wednesday, September 30, 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 Rooms 402 & 405
6:00-7:00—FEAST Small Groups:
Young Disciples Group (Grades K-5) Rooms 309 & 311
360 (Grades 6-12) Room 403C
Adult Bible Studies:
"Too Busy Not To Pray" Room 310
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 1, 2015
1:30—Knit Wits Parlor

Sunday, October 4, 2015
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY / PANTRY SUNDAY /
RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING
8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
12:00—Prime Timers Luncheon Fellowship Hall
3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities



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