

Laity Sunday

February 7, 2016

10:45 am

THE GATHERING

Gathering

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Welcome and Greeting Cheryl Smiley

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prelude Debbie Watson

*Hymn of Praise No. 90
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Invocation Andrew Allen

THE WORD

Children's Message Ted Lauck

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer Cindy Hernandez

**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 *Threefold Amen* Chancel Choir

Reading of the Scripture Emily Wilson
Luke 6:27-29; Matthew 5:23-24
Pew Bible Page 64 & 4

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
Many Gifts, One Spirit Pote

Sermon Shirley Craft

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* No. 425

Communion Invitation Gary Cook

Elders' Prayers Eddie Tucker & Polly Tonemah

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 Kay Jackson

Offertory Elise Allen, flute

Andante Pastoral Taffanel

*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 Doug Thompson

THE GOING FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship David Hartman

*Hymn of Discipleship No. 433
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*The Benediction Kenn Hill

*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.

About Our Preacher for Today

Shirley Craft is president of Craft Consulting LLC, a firm which specializes in project management, organization development, special events and fundraising. As a servant leader, Shirley has been active in a number of nonprofits organizations, including the Boys & Girls Clubs, for which she not only served on the local board of directors but also for the statewide Texas Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs for five years. This year Shirley is serving alongside David Hartman on the Editorial Board for the Wichita Falls Times Record News. At First Christian Church, Shirley is a deacon, member of the Executive Council, and chairperson of Evangelism. Shirley is married to Kenn Hill, who have been members of FCC since 2005. Kenn serves as an Elder.

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 Message in the 10:45 worship service. Godly Play allows children to worship and fellowship together in an engaging and age appropriate environment. Children can be picked up immediately following the worship service in Room 213, use Exit door near altar and follow the signs for "Children Pick-Up".

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. Erin Taylor, 337-304-3038.

MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICE

We are offering a Wednesday evening period of quiet prayer and communion in our Chapel from 5:00-5:30. Members and visitors are warmly invited to come in and pray for however long or as little as they feel led; from 5:15-5:30, 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 BETTY ETOCH given by Sam Maynor.

IN MEMORY OF PEGGY NUNN HILL given by Peggy Fitts.

The flowers this morning are given by the Montgomery Family with praise to God in celebration of James Irl's 90th Birthday today.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 3:45 Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)
- 4:00 Pastor's Class [Grades 3-8] (Room 310)
- 5:00 Grow in Grace Choir [Grades K-5] (Stratten Hall)
- Come As You Are [Grades 6-12] (Room 403C)
- 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)
- 7:00 CGRM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

**BOOK SIGNING WITH
SHERI SUTTON**

Today, February 7th, Church Library
9:30-10:30 am during the Sunday School hour
For her third book, *In Remembrance of Me*

**PRIME TIMERS
LUNCHEON**

Today, February 7,
12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

**DEADLINE TO ORDER SOUP EXTENDED &
DELIVERY DATE CHANGED!**

Quarts of frozen, homemade soups will NOW be available for order through February 7th and available for pick-up or delivery (upon request) on Valentine's Sunday, February 14th, after both services and during Sunday school and the following week! Checks can be made out to First Christian Church!

Soups available this year include Chicken Noodle, Chicken Tortilla, and Baked Potato all for sale at \$10 a quart! Be sure to place your order before time runs out! Orders can be placed with the Church Office or with Justin Dickey no later than February 7th! All proceeds benefit the 2016 Youth Mission Trip! Thank you for all of your continued support for the Jr/Sr. High youth here at FCC!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The February CWF Luncheon will be Monday, February 8th, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Chantel Grant with First Step. The devotional will be given by Alice Gordan and the service offering will go to First Step. Reservations are not required and guests are welcome. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The CWF Board will meet at 10:30 am in Room 310 prior to the luncheon.

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SWEETHEART BANQUET**

WILL BE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

The Christian Men's Fellowship of First Christian Church would like to invite you to their annual Sweetheart Banquet being held on Thursday, February 18. The cost is \$7 per person. Highlights of the evening include Craig Reynolds on piano, music by Andrew & Elise Allen, door prizes, presentation of the "Person of the Year" award, and those delicious steaks.

Please **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS** for the event in the attendance folders or by calling the church office, 692-2282. Single and unescorted ladies, who are members of FCC, will be the guests of CMF, but please stop by the church office and pick up a ticket.

As in previous years, this is an adults' only dinner, but childcare will be available.

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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, February 7, 2016

LAITY SUNDAY / BOY SCOUT SUNDAY / PANTRY SUNDAY
8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:30—Sheri Sutton Book Signing Library
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
12:00—Prime Timers Luncheon Fellowship Hall
3:45-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities
4:00—Pastor's Class.....Room 310

Monday, February 8, 2016

7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (M-F)
10:15—FCC Staff Meeting..... Office
10:30—Christian Women's Fellowship Board MeetingRoom 310
11:45—Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon.....Fellowship Hall
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

2:00—Library Committee Library
7:00—Property Ministry MeetingRoom 402

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

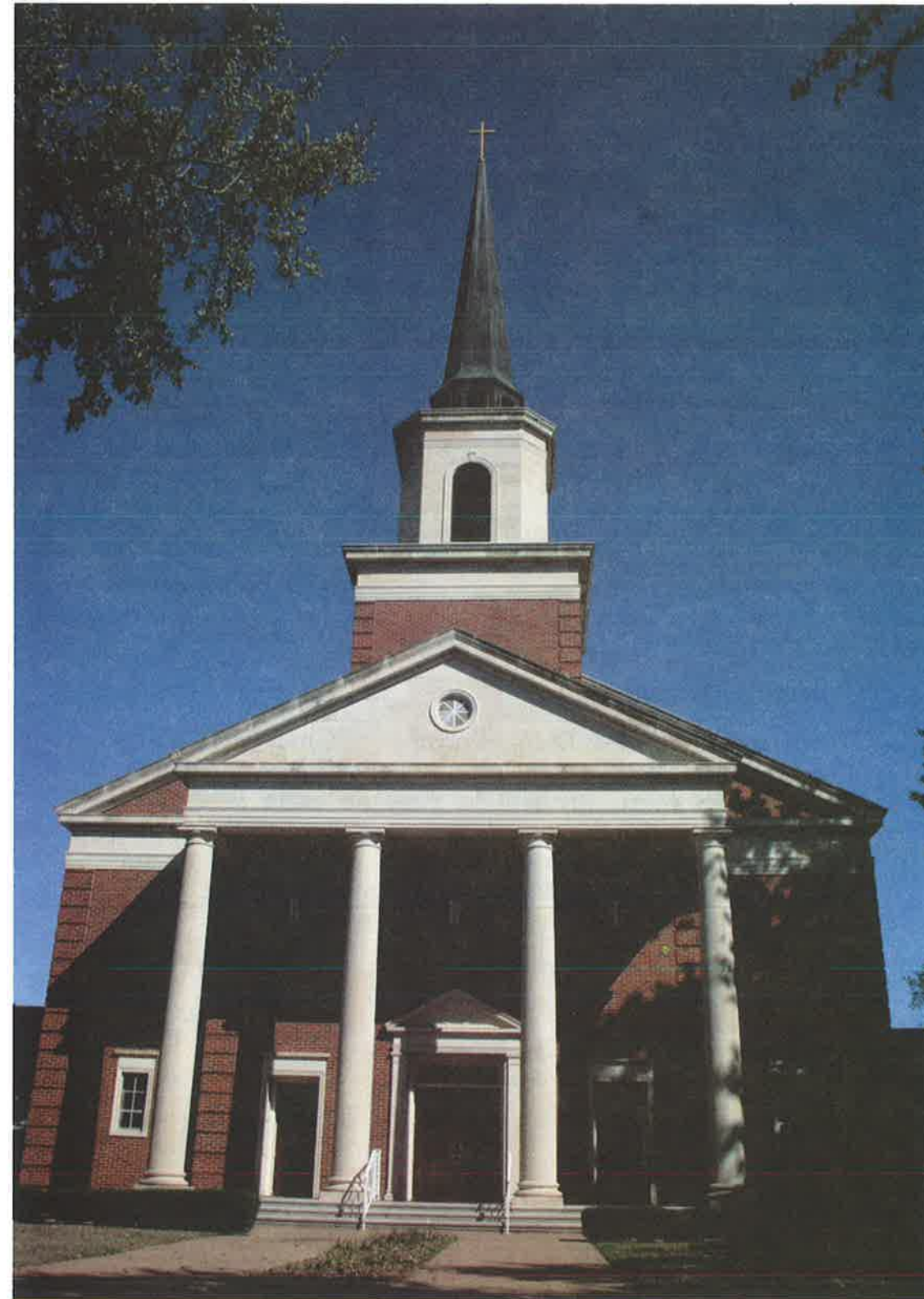
ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
5:30—Ash Wednesday Service Chapel
6:00—FEAST Fellowship Meal.....Rooms 402/405
6:00-7:00—FEAST Small Groups:
Young Disciples Group (Grades K-5) Rooms 309 & 311
360 (Grades 6-12)Room 403C
7:00-7:15—FEAST Communion & Prayer Chapel
7:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)Stratten Hall
7:15-8:00—FEAST Open Gym Gym
8:15—FCC Boys Basketball League Team Practice Gym

Thursday, February 11, 2016

10:00—Young Ages School Valentine Parties (Thurs & Fri)Classrooms
1:30—Knit WitsParlor
6:00-10:00—Boys Basketball League Games Gym

Sunday, February 14, 2016

VALENTINE'S DAY
8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:30—Soup Pickup..... Small Kitchen
9:45—Journey Through ScriptureParlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
12:00—Soup Pickup..... Small Kitchen
3:45-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities
4:00—Pastor's Class.....Room 310



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