

5th Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

10:45 am

THE GATHERING

Please greet those around you and welcome our guests before the service begins.

Gathering

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

Welcome and Greeting

Renee Hoke

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

Prelude

Debbie Watson

*Hymn of Praise

No. 22

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Invocation

Renee Hoke

Almighty and loving God, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

No. 136

**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

Ministry of Music

Grow in Grace Choir

Abba Father/Steps of Jesus

Ray/Allen

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

Alleluia, Amen

Chancel Choir

Reading of the Scripture

Renee Hoke

John 13:31-35 & Revelation 21:1-6

Pew Bible Pages 108 & 259

Sermon

David Hartman

He Will Wipe Every Tear from Their Eyes

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn *Here at Thy Table, Lord*

No. 384

Communion Invitation

Kerry Roach

Elders' Prayers

Doug Thompson

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

Chancel Choir

Total Praise

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*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. 494

They'll Know We Are Christians

*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 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 JIM ZUG given by L. Lyeal & J. Jean Amos, Jim & Cathy Biggs, John & Gretchen Bridgman, Joyce Crosslin, Sue Dowler, Helen Farabee Centers, Patsy's House, Western Oaks Christian Church of Oklahoma City OK.

IN MEMORY OF BILL JANSEN given by Mark & Debbie Turnbow.

IN MEMORY OF MARION HODGSON given by Jim & Cathy Biggs.

The flowers this morning are given by Sam Maynor and Rachel & Lisa Pullam in memory of Todd Pullam.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 3:45 Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)
- 4:30 Grow in Grace Choir & Young Disciples Group End-of-Year Party [Grades K-5] (Outside in the East Field)
- NO Come As You Are [Grades 6-12] (Room 403C)
- 5:14 CGRM Bible Study (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)
- 7:00 CGRM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Chi Rho and CYF
 Mission Trip Fundraiser!
**PANCAKE
 BREAKFAST!**
 Today, April 24th, 2016
 8:30 am - 10:30 am
 Fellowship Hall
 Cost: \$6.00

PANTRY SUNDAY - MAY 1
 Pantry Sunday for Interfaith Ministries will be next Sunday, May 1st. Items for collection will be powdered milk & canned milk. IMI and Outreach appreciate your gifts to this project each month.

PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON
 Next Sunday, May 1,
 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

Join the fun this afternoon,
 April 24th,
 from 4:30-7:00 pm
 Outside in the East Field
 for the
 Grow in Grace Choir
 & Young Disciples Group
END-OF-YEAR BLAST!
 Bring the whole family
 for bounce house fun,
 hot dogs & games.



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Dr. David B. Hartman, Jr., *Senior Minister*
 Rev. Renee Hoke, *Associate Minister*
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 Justin Dickey, *Director of Youth & Children's Ministries*
 Rev. Erin Taylor, *Director of Recovery Ministries*
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 Karen Bivona, *Director of Young Ages School*
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 Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary* Pam Poulos, *Receptionist*
 Debbie Watson, *Organist* Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 24, 2016

- 8:30-10:30—Chi Rho/CYF Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast Fellowship Hall
- 8:40—Worship Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- NO—Journey Through Scripture.....Parlor
- 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
- 3:45-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities

Monday, April 25, 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
- 6:00—CGRM Continuing EducationRoom 307
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troup 15 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

- 2:00—Library Committee Library
- 6:00—Executive Council MeetingRoom 402

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
- 5:00—Mid-Week Communion Service Chapel
- 5:30—FEAST Fellowship Meal Fellowship Hall
- 6:00-7:00—Adult Bible Study..... Fellowship Hall
- Young Disciples Group (Grades K-5) Rooms 309 & 311
- Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12)..... Room 403C
- 7:00-8:30—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)..... Stratten Hall

Thursday, April 28, 2016

- 9:00—Young Ages School Parent/Teacher Conferences for T/Th Classes
- 6:00—My Faith Family Exploratory Team Meeting.....Room 310

Friday, April 29, 2016

- NO—Young Ages School — Parent/Teacher Conferences for MWF & M-F Classes

Saturday, April 30, 2016

- 9:30—Leave on Young Disciples Group (Grades K-5) Mystery Trip

Sunday, May 1, 2016

- PANTRY SUNDAY
- 8:40—Worship Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 9:45—Journey Through ScriptureParlor
- 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
- 12:00—Prime Timers LuncheonFellowship Hall
- 3:45-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities



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