

19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2016 10:45 am

THE GATHERING

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

Gathering

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

Welcome and Greeting David Hartman
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prelude Debbie Watson

*Call to Worship David Hartman
Those who love God,
God will deliver.
Those who know God by name,
God will protect.
Those who call out to God,
God will answer.
We gather this morning,
as those who trust God.

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

*Invocation David Hartman

*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

Reading of the Scripture David Hartman, narrator;
Tres Ward, Lazarus; Mark Turnbow, the rich man;
and Gary Cook, Abraham

Luke 16:19-31
Pew Bible Page 79

Children's Message Justin Dickey

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Renee Hoke
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

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
Poor Man Lazarus arr. Hairston

Sermon *The Great Debate* Renee Hoke

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn *One Bread, One Body* No. 393

Communion Invitation Andy Wilson

Elders' Prayers Craig Reynolds & 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 David Hartman

Offertory Chancel Choir

Down to the River to Pray arr. MacDonald

*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 Renee Hoke

*Hymn of Discipleship No. 662
When the Poor Ones

*The Benediction Renee Hoke

*Response to Benediction 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.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF JAMES ROY JACKSON, son of Helen Jackson, given by Sam Maynor.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID HARTMAN, SR., father of Dr. David Hartman, Jr. given by John & Gretchen Bridgman, Buddy & Cal Edgemon, Glenn & Linda Tole, Gordon & Alice West, Sam Maynor,

IN MEMORY OF LINDA JENSEN given by Glenn & Linda Tole.

IN MEMORY OF GLENN TOLE given by John & Gretchen Bridgman, Judy, Linda, Babs, Dee Ann, Darlene, Jimmie, Susan & Lana.

IN MEMORY OF BLAIR LANG, husband of Katie Biggs Lang and son-in-law of Cathy & Jim Biggs, given by John & Gretchen Bridgman.

The flowers this morning are given by Sally & Robert Hastings in memory of Joe & Norma Turner.

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. 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.

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 5:00-5:15, 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!

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY!

Food Truck open from 5-7:30 pm (cash only)
Coffee, tea and lemonade available in Fellowship Hall.

Worship begins at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall
After worship we'll move outside for fellowship and fun.

Young Disciples (K-5th)—Sit with your family during worship, depart after the Children's Message for Young Disciples Class.

Chi Rho and CYF (grades 6-12)—Attend worship together, followed by youth groups.

Toddler and pre-school—Our children's area in Fellowship Hall allows little ones and their parents to enjoy worship together.



Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 3:45 Chancel Ringers [High School-Adults] (Stratten Hall)
- 5:00 Family Game Night (Gym)
- 5:14 CGRM Bible Study (Rm 307)
- 6:00 FACE Time with Dave (Parlor)

Common Ground Recovery Ministries (CGRM) Groups:
 Parenting (Room 306)
 Anger Recovery (Room 304)
 Chemical Addictions Recovery (Room 305)
 Women's C.A.R.E. (Room 307)
 Family Challenges Support (Room 310)

Ministry News & Calendar Highlights

Family Game Night will be today, September 25th, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Gym. Children, youth, young adults, parents, grandparents, couples, singles; ALL are invited to attend! Please bring your favorite board game and a snack to share! Contact Justin Dickey, 936-645-1215, for more info.

Faith And Current Events Time with Dave will be today, September 25th, at 6:00 pm in the Parlor.

Pantry Sunday for Interfaith Ministries will be next Sunday, October 2nd. Items for collection will be instant potatoes and canned fruit. IMI and Outreach appreciate your gifts to this project each month.

Coats for Kids Fundraiser Sponsored by the Keystone Sunday School Class—You'll have the opportunity to win one of 3 packages for 2 tickets and transportation to see Broadway's longest running show, *The Phantom of the Opera*, on Saturday, October 22nd, at the beautiful Bass Hall in Ft Worth. Raffle Tickets are on sale for only \$10.00 each. Drawing for the 3 packages will be next Sunday, October 2nd. All proceeds will benefit the Mary Sue Winstead Coats for Kids Ministry.

Dinner and the Movies: A fundraiser benefitting the MSU Chancel Choir Fund on Saturday, October 8th, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our Chancel Choir will be serving a delicious dinner of salad, marinated pork tenderloin, au gratin potatoes, green beans, desserts and drinks prepared by our own Cook family and friends. Entertainment will be provided by our own Chancel Choir members, including MSU students Sharon Mucker and Baylee Wichlan. Featured songs will be from some of your favorite movies.

Tickets are \$20, and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available in the church office or from any Chancel Choir member.

One of the ways our church reaches out to the MSU community is through our Chancel Choir. Jeanette Showalter contacts vocal music majors at MSU who would like to sing in our choir. Those students are paid a stipend to come to Wednesday rehearsals and to the 10:45 service on Sundays. Sharon Mucker has been in our choir for several years now, and she also plays in our bell choir. Baylee Wichlan is starting her second year of singing with us. These students not only contribute to our choir, but they in turn learn skills that they may use after graduation. They may someday serve a church as a director of music ministries. What a great legacy that would be for our church!

We have been depending on donations from the congregation and the choir to fund this project. The fundraising dinner will continue to fund this ministry or if you can't come to the dinner, please consider making a donation to the MSU Choir Fund. If you'd like more information or if you'd like to sponsor one of our singers for a month or a school year, please speak to Jeanette or call her at 781-5199.

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 Jeanette Showalter, *Director of Music Ministries*
 Justin Dickey, *Director of Youth & Children's Ministries*
 Madi Showalter, *Children's Ministries Intern*
 Rev. Erin Taylor, *Director of Recovery Ministries*
 Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
 Karen Bivona, *Director of Young Ages School*
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 Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary*
 Debbie Watson, *Organist*
 Susan Marrs, *Executive Secretary*
 Ann Hunter, *Receptionist*
 Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 25, 2016

- 8:40—Worship Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
- 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
- 3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities
- 5:00-7:00—Family Game Night Gym
- 6:00—FACE Time with Dave Parlor

Monday, September 26, 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 Education Room 307
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

- 2:00—Library Committee Library
- 6:00—Executive Council Meeting Room 310

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 405 & Chapel
- 10:30—Women's Fall Bible Study Room 310
- 5:00—Mid-Week Communion Service Chapel
- 5:00-7:30—Food Truck Meal Outside Fellowship Hall
- 6:00-8:00—The Neighborhood Fellowship Hall
 (Worship, Young Disciples, Chi Rho & CYF)
- 7:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall

Thursday, September 29, 2016

- 5:30—Evangelism Ministry Meeting Room 402

Sunday, October 2, 2016

- WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
PANTRY SUNDAY
- 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



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

“In faith, unity; in opinions, liberty; in all things, love.”

- Alexander Campbell, 1827, founder of the Disciples of Christ movement

Sunday Worship

8:40am in Chapel; 10:45am in Sanctuary

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