

26th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 13, 2016 10:45 am

## THE GATHERING

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

### Gathering

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

### Welcome and Greeting

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

Renee Hoke

### Prelude

Debbie Watson

### \*Call to Worship

Renee Hoke

On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God, from generation to generation, we praise your holy name.

Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children, for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives.

As you have opened your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

\*Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 56

\*Invocation Renee Hoke

\*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

Everyone Gives

Cindy Hernandez

Reading of the Scripture

Renee Hoke

Mark 12:41-44  
Pew Bible Page 50

Children's Message &

The Blessing of the Coats

Renee Hoke

Holy and loving God: your son Jesus told us that whatever we do for the least of your children, we do for you. We present these coats, and ask that you bless them and the children who receive them. May the warmth these coats bring reflect the warmth of your love, and may the children feel that love through these coats. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.

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

*Twofold Amen*

Chancel Choir

Ministry of Music

*Covenant Prayer*

Chancel Choir

Forrest

Sermon

*When There's Nothing Left To Give*

David Hartman

## THE SACRAMENT

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* No. 419

Communion Invitation Eddie Tucker

Elders' Prayers Gary Cook & Cheryl Smiley

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

*We Are One*

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

Renee Hoke

## THE GOING FORTH

\*Invitation to Discipleship

David Hartman

\*Hymn of Discipleship

No. 714

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

\*The Benediction

David Hartman

\*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 DAVID HARTMAN, SR., father of Dr. David Hartman Jr., given by Karen & Jesse Rogers.

The Thanksgiving cornucopia arrangement this morning is given by Ann Hunter with thanks to her helpers, especially Emily Wilson, and in memory of her parents, Polly & Aubrey Cox.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.firstchristianwf.com).

### COMMON GROUND RECOVERY MINISTRIES


Adult peer support groups each Sunday afternoon at 6:00 pm (Women's C.A.R.E., Anger Management, Chemical Addictions Recovery & Parent Groups) For more information contact Rev. Dave Brummett, 613-2112.

### 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!**

**HAMBURGER NIGHT** this Wednesday.  
Serving line opens at 5:30pm. Everyone welcome!

**Worship 6-7 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.

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS / 3701 TAFT  
MEAL BEGINS AT 5:30PM  
FOOD FOR THE BODY AND SPIRIT... JOIN US!

**Sunday Evening Activities Schedule**

- 3:00 Coats for Kids: Sorting Coats (Room 306)
- 3:45 Chancel Ringers [High School-Adults] (Stratten Hall)
- 5:00 Grow in Grace Choir [Grades K-5] (Stratten Hall)
- Come As You Are [Grades 6-12] (Room 403)
- 5:14 CGRM Bible Study (Rm 307)
- 5:45 Young Disciples [Grades K-5] (Scout Hall)
- 6:00 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)

**2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

**Commitment Sunday, November 20th**

Dr. David Hartman & Rev. Renee Hoke, Preaching

**Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon @Noon**

With Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad and dessert. Cost is by donation.

We hope you'll join us for a great meal and fellowship!

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!**

**Ministry News & Calendar Highlights**

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** Again this year we're collecting the ingredients for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Pick up a shopping list in the church office or before/after worship. Return the food items to the church no later than Nov. 16. We'll add a turkey, roasting pan, and have everything ready for delivery on Saturday morning, November 19. If you can help deliver Thanksgiving baskets, sign up by calling the church office. Arrive at the church around 9:45 am on November 19. We'll provide a delivery route map and a delivery partner if you don't have one. Plan to spend an hour on deliveries and to be richly blessed.

Our **Coats For Kids** ministry began in 1999. Every November, FCC members provide more than 500 new coats for boys and girls in Wichita Falls elementary school. Sorting coats by size and by elementary school takes time and then we need help with deliveries. Here's the schedule:

- Sunday, November 13 3 pm Sorting coats in Room 306
- Tuesday-Friday, November 15-18 9 am
- Group coats by school (Room 306) and deliver

**Christian Women's Fellowship:** The November CWF Luncheon will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Bailey Rich with Christmas In Action. The devotional will be given by Lynda Lee and the service offering will go to Christmas In Action. 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.

**Tea At Two Premieres November 15!** Who doesn't love a fragrant cup of tea on a cool autumn afternoon? Claudine Farrell and Renee Hoke are hosting a new gathering for women on Tuesday afternoons beginning November 15. Bring your favorite tea cup and join us Tuesdays at 2 pm in the Church Parlor. There will be hot tea, tasty treats, and a guided conversation using Joyce Rupp's wonderful book "The Cup of our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth." Everyone is welcome—bring a friend or neighbor!

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- Dr. David B. Hartman, Jr., *Senior Minister*
- Rev. Renee Hoke, *Associate Minister*
- Jeanette Showalter, *Director of Music Ministries*
- Meredith Buckley, *Interim Director of Children & Youth Ministries*
- Madi Showalter, *Children's Ministries Intern*
- Rev. Dave Brummett, *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*
- Ann Hunter, *Receptionist*
- Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

- STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN / BLESSING OF THE COATS
- 8:40—Worship.....Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 9:45—Journey Through Scripture..... Parlor
- 10:45—Worship..... Sanctuary
- 3:00—Coats for Kids: Sorting Coats ..... Room 306
- 3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities

**Monday, November 14, 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 Meeting..... Room 306
- 11:45—Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon..... Fellowship Hall
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 ..... Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

- 2:00—Tea at Two ..... Parlor
- 2:00—Library Committee..... Library
- 5:00—Prayer Team for Persecuted Church ..... Room 310
- 5:30—Membership Ministry Meeting ..... Room 405
- 6:00—Education Ministry Meeting ..... Room 308
- 6:00—Stewardship Ministry Meeting ..... Room 310
- 7:00—Worship Ministry Meeting..... Room 405

**Wednesday, November 16, 2016**

- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast..... Room 405 & Chapel
- 5:00—Mid-Week Communion Service ..... Chapel
- 5:30—Meal: Hamburger Night..... Fellowship Hall
- 6:00-7:00—The Neighborhood Worship ..... Fellowship Hall
- [Young Disciples (K-5<sup>th</sup>) meets 6:30-8 pm in Room 402 and
- Chi Rho & CYF (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) meets 7-8 pm in Room 403]
- 7:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)..... Stratten Hall

**Thursday, November 17, 2016**

- 9:00—CWF Group 3 Birthday Breakfast ..... IHOP on SW Pkwy
- 1:30—Knit Wits..... Parlor

**Friday, November 18, 2016**

- 2:45—Children Come First Thanksgiving Feast ..... Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

- 9:45—Thanksgiving Baskets Delivery ..... Fellowship Hall
- 4:00—Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12) Tailgate & MSU Basketball Game

**Sunday, November 20, 2016**

- COMMITMENT SUNDAY
- 8:40—Worship..... Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 9:45—Journey Through Scripture..... Parlor
- 10:45—Worship..... Sanctuary
- 12:00—Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon..... Fellowship Hall
- 3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities



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