

7th Sunday After the Epiphany
February 19, 2017 10:45 am

THE GATHERING

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

Gathering

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's
righteousness, and all these
things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Welcome and Greeting Renee Hoke
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prelude Debbie Watson

*Call to Worship Renee Hoke
You have heard it said that those with the most toys win.
But Jesus tells us to sell all we have and give even the
proceeds away.

You have heard it said that independence is the principal goal of
adulthood.

But Jesus tells us to come together to break bread, to share
love and loss, to serve others.

You have heard it said that it is your right to live the good life;
and don't get mad, get even.

But Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek and give away our
coats--sacrifice the personal for God's earth-filling reign.

God, help us to hear and live out these difficult words.

Let us surrender our wills to God's purpose, and gather
together before God in adoration.

*Hymn of Praise No. 618
How Firm a Foundation

*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.

Reading of the Scripture Renee Hoke
Matthew 5:38-48
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THE WORD

Children's Message Meredith Buckley

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 *Threefold Amen* Chancel Choir

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
Santus Bach
Emily Thomas & Tyler Thomas, violins

Sermon *How Do I Get to be Perfect?* David Hartman

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn *Come, Share the Lord* No. 408

Communion Invitation Doug Thompson

Elders' Prayers Mike Spiller Jr. & Alice Gordon

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

Let Us Love One Another Sherman

*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. 490
Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

*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 MARY SUE WINSTEAD given by Harvey & Sherry Martin.

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 (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!

Lenten Bible Study

Final Words From the Cross

by Adam Hamilton

In this Lenten study, Adam Hamilton explores the final words of Jesus as seen and
heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. He writes, "The
Gospels record seven statements Jesus made from the cross. There are three reasons why
we can assume these statements are important and should be considered for what they
teach us about Jesus, about his Father, and about our-selves. First, Jesus went to some
effort and bore great pain to speak them. Second, Jesus came to reveal God--to be God's
'word made flesh.' And finally, the Gospel writers, as they were trying to communicate
not only who Jesus was and what he did but also the significance of his life, felt it
important to include his dying words."

Each chapter in *Final Words From the Cross* begins with the biblical account
followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the
characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for
our lives today. Each session also includes a video to further enrich the group discussion.

Join Sheri Sutton in this study beginning Wednesday, March 1, at 10:30a.m. in
Room 310. Please call the church office at 692-2282 to register. Books will be available
on March 1.

Adam Hamilton, a best-selling and award-winning author, is the Senior Minister at
the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest
growing, most highly visible churches in the country.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 3:45 Chancel Ringers [High School-Adults] (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 403)
- 5:45 Young Disciples [Grades K-5] (Room 402)

Ministry News & Calendar Highlights

An 8-week long **Pastor's Class Will Begin Today, February 19**, for young persons in grades 3-8, who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith and what it means to take Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, will meet on Sundays, beginning today through April 9, from 4-5 pm in Room 310.

Each student will be paired with an adult mentor who will guide him or her during class. Students who are led to do so will have the opportunity to make a confession of faith on Palm Sunday and be baptized on Easter Sunday morning.

Young persons who are interested in taking the class are encouraged to talk to their parents and let Dr. Hartman know right after church.

Christian Women's Fellowship Group Meetings will be as follows:

Group 1 will meet on Monday, February 20th, at 1:30 pm at Judy Muir's home, 2410 Farington.

Group 2 will meet on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 12:00 noon in Room 405.

Group 3 will meet on Monday, February 20th, at 2:00 pm in Room 405.

February Meetings: will be as follows:

Tuesday, February 21st:

Prayer Team for Persecuted Church at 5:00 pm, Rm 310

Membership at 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Stewardship at 6:00 pm, Rm 310

World Outreach at 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Worship at 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 28th:

Executive Council at 6:00 pm, Rm 310

If you will need childcare, please RSVP to the church office, 692-2282, by noon on Mondays, February 20th & 27th.

Open Flower Dates: If you would like to donate the flowers for the worship service in the Sanctuary, the following dates are open: **February 26, March 2, 12 & 19.** Call Peggy Fitts, Flower Coordinator, 781-2426, to donate.

Faith And Current Events Time with Dave will be next Sunday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm in the Parlor.

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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*
 Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
 Karen Bivona, *Director of Young Ages School*
 Laurel Clement, *Common Ground Recovery Ministries*
 Cheryl Appling, *Business Administrator* Susan Marrs, *Executive Secretary*
 Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary* Ann Hunter, *Receptionist*
 Debbie Watson, *Organist* Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 19, 2017

- Week of Compassion Offering
- 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
- 4:00—Pastor's Class..... Room 310

Monday, February 20, 2017

- Young Ages School Closed for President's Day
- Ministers' Week at Brite Divinity School (Feb. 20-23)..... TCU-Ft. Worth TX
- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
- 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting..... Office
- 1:30—CWF Group 1.....2410 Farington
- 2:00—CWF Group 3..... Room 405
- 6:30—Transition Ad Hoc Committee Meeting..... Room 405
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

- 9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (M-F)
- 2:00—Library Committee..... Library
- 5:00—Prayer Team for Persecuted Church Room 310
- 5:30—Membership Ministry Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 6:00—Stewardship Ministry Meeting..... Room 310
- 6:00-7:00—Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
 Women's C.A.R.E.....Room 304 Parenting.....Rooms 305 & 306
 Anger ManagementRoom 308 Substance Abuse..... Room 309
- 7:00—Ministries Meetings: World Outreach & Worship Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast..... Room 405 & Chapel
- 8:00—Leadership Team Meeting Renee's Office
- 12:00—CWF Group 2..... Room 405
- 5:00—Mid-Week Communion Service Chapel
- 5:30—Mid-Week Meal..... Fellowship Hall
- 6:00-7:00—The Neighborhood Worship Fellowship Hall
 [Young Disciples (K-5th) meets 6:30-8 pm in Room 402 and
 Chi Rho & CYF (6th-12th) meets 7-8 pm in Room 403]
- 7:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults).....Stratten Hall

Sunday, February 26, 2017

- Week of Compassion Offering
- 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
- 4:00—Pastor's Class..... Room 310
- 6:00—FACE Time with Dave Parlor



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

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

- Alexander Campbell, 1827

Sunday Worship at 8:40am in the Chapel
 10:45am in the Sanctuary
 Sunday School at 9:30am

Acoustic worship Wednesdays at 6pm
 in Fellowship Hall

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