

World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2017 10:45 am

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson

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

*Passing of the Peace Renee Hoke
(You are invited to greet those around you.)

*Gathering Music
I come with Christians far near to find, as all are fed, the new
community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's
communion bread.

*Call to Worship Josh deSteiguer
Today we gather around God's table from near and far
We are the people of God!
Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition
We are brothers and sisters in Christ!
For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism
We are one in God's Spirit!
We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus
For we are the people of Redemption!
He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.
Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

*Hymn of Praise All Who Hunger No. 419

*Invocation Josh deSteiguer

*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 PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Scripture Josh deSteiguer
Exodus 16:2-15
Pew Bible Page 62

Children's Message Claire Baer
Children ages 3 years thru 2nd grade may participate in "Godly Play"
following the Children's Message.

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
One World, One Communion Choplin
Becky Morrison, penny whistle; Teresa Archambo, percussion

Sermon Renee Hoke
Signs and Wonders: Puzzles and Provision

THE RESPONSE

The Bread Has Been Broken Sarah Stewart

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Invitation Cathy Gately
Elders' Prayers Susan Buckley & Debbi Schmidt
Sharing the Bread and Cup
We will be sharing communion by intinction.
Please come forward and the Elders will serve you.
If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated,
and communion will be brought to you.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to Stewardship Renee Hoke
Offertory Chancel Choir
We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light arr. Hopson
Teresa Archambo, percussion

*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

*Invitation to Discipleship Renee Hoke

*Hymn of Discipleship No. 393
One Bread, One Body

*The Benediction Renee Hoke

*Choral Response Chancel Choir

*Postlude Debbie Watson
You are invited to take some of the bread offered at each door.
This "bread for the journey" reminds us to take the good news of
Jesus into the world.

* If you are able, please stand.

** A few cups of water are in the communion tray for those on sugar-free diets.

SYMBOLS AT THE TABLE TODAY

Today is World Communion Sunday. No matter what the Catholic or Protestant
tradition, all Christians around the world are celebrating the Lord's Supper today.
Tables in front are decorated with global colors and textures to remind us that we are
one with all brothers and sisters in Christ. The fabric and treasures on our
Communion Table coincide with our Signs and Wonders worship series represent the
journey through the desert, as God's people left slavery in Egypt and followed
Moses to the Promised Land.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF EWELL CASON given by Mark & Sandra Bruce.
IN MEMORY OF JEFF HOWLAND (son of Norman Howland and brother
of Cindy Hernandez) given by Keystone Class.

The flowers this morning are given by Francine Carraro in loving memory of
her father Roy Hamsford Ramsey.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Maverick
Jarmakovitz born on September 26th. Maverick is the son of Shanen & Brian
Jarmakovitz and grandson of Terrie & James Blasi.

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.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We would be pleased to send you the Challenger newsletter and Monday Ministry
News at no cost. Simply share your e-mail address with us.

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"

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 on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm (Women's C.A.R.E.,
Parenting, Substance Abuse, Anger Management, Grief & Rebuilding from
Broken Relationships). For more information contact Laurel Clement with
Catholic Charities at 940-642-7021.

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!

ONLINE GIVING—A SIMPLE SOLUTION

A quick trip to the church website these days reveals something new—an "online
giving" button at the top of the home page. This convenient form of stewardship
allows our members to give automatically (you choose the interval) using a credit
card or a bank draft. Some of our members like using credit cards because they
are earning points toward travel. If you prefer to avoid credit cards, the bank draft
option ensures that your gift arrives regularly to support ministry at FCC. The
benefit for FCC in online giving is that we avoid the summer slump when giving
drops as families travel. The benefit for our members in online giving is avoiding
the stress of "catching up" each fall when there are other demands on the family
budget. Please visit the church website at www.firstchristianwf.com and see for
yourself how simple online giving can be.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 3:45 Chancel Ringers [High School-Adults] (Stratten Hall)
- 5:00 Grow in Grace Choir [Grades K-5] (Stratten Hall)
- 5:00 Chi Rho [Grades 6-8] & CYF [Grades 9-12] (Youth Room)
- 5:45 Young Disciples [Grades K-5] (Room 402)

Ministry News & Calendar Highlights

Prime Timers Luncheon

Will be today at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

On Hold

Our support group for caregivers of all kinds, will meet on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 2414/2416 Barbados from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Just look for the ON HOLD sign out in front. This informal, come-and-go setting includes a light meal/refreshments and conversation aimed at support and encouragement. ON HOLD is a ministry to women and men who place their own lives "on hold" while they care for loved ones--grandchildren, aging parents, or anyone in between.

The Neighborhood

The worship series "John" The Gospel of Light and Life based on the book by Adam Hamilton continues on Wednesdays at The Neighborhood.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for:

Family meal at 5:30 pm

Worship at 6 pm

featuring special activities for children



Join the Chancel Choir for a Spooktacular Evening on Friday, October 13, at

6:30. You'll enjoy a fabulous dinner prepared by our Cooks and spooky entertainment from our choir. Tickets are \$20, and must be purchased in advance. You can buy tickets from any choir member or from the church office. Proceeds go to the Choir Robe Fund. (Our current robes are pretty scary.)



October Fellowship Luncheon

"Fall" into lunch with us next Sunday, October 8th, at the October Fellowship Luncheon at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be chicken spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert! Cost is by donation. Make your reservations in the attendance folders or by calling the church office, 692-2282.



October Meetings

Will be as follows:

Mondays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30:
Senior Minister Search Committee
at 6:30 pm, Rm 405

Tuesday, October 10:

Education at 6:00 pm,
Fellowship Hall

Property at 6:00 pm, Rm 310

Outreach at 7:00 pm, Library

Sunday, October 15:

Membership at 5:00 pm,
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 17:

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

Stewardship at 6:00 pm, Rm 310

Worship at 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 24:

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, October 9, 16 & 23.

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Rev. Renee Hoke, *Acting Senior Minister*
Jeanette Showalter, *Director of Music Ministries*
Claire Baer, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Josh deSteiguer, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Alisa Gardner, *Director of Young Ages School*
Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
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, October 1, 2017

WORLD COMMUNION & PANTRY SUNDAY
MINISTER APPRECIATION MONTH BEGINS

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

Monday, October 2, 2017

7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (M-F)
10:15—FCC Staff Meeting.....History Room
6:30—Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting.....Room 405
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15.....Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

10:00—YAS Pumpkin Patch Field Trip (Tues & Wed) University Methodist
11:00—Whirlwind Cluster Ministers MeetingPark Place CC
11:30—"On Hold" Caregivers Support Group 2414/2416 Barbados
2:00—Library Committee.....Library
6:00-7:00—Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
GriefRoom 222
Substance Abuse.Room 304 Parenting.....Rooms 305 & 306
Rebuilding from Broken Relationships Room 307
Women's C.A.R.E.....Room 308 Anger Management Room 309
6:45—CGRM Meal Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

7:00—Elders' Breakfast.....Room 405 & Chapel
10:30—Fall Bible Study Room 310
5:30—The Neighborhood Meal..... Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00—The Neighborhood Worship..... Fellowship Hall
6:30-7:00—Young Disciples (Grades K-5) Room 402
7:00-8:00—Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) Youth Room
7:00-8:30—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)Stratten Hall

Thursday, October 5, 2017

1:30—Knit Wits.....Parlor

Sunday, October 8, 2017

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



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

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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