

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 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
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.

*Call to Worship Claire Baer
Sometimes it seems as though God is far away.
There is so much trouble in the world.

We look to the heavens and wonder why God doesn't deal more strictly with the wicked and more compassionately with the innocent.

We are overwhelmed with the needs of others.
Come, let us turn to the Lord, whose very heart is compassion and hope.
Let us be partners in caring for all who are in need.

*Hymn of Praise No. 490
Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

*Invocation Claire Baer

*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

Children's Message Claire Baer
Blessing of 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 that 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.

Readers' Theater Cal Edgemon, Robert Hernandez and Cheryl Smiley

Luke 10:25-37
Pew Bible Page 71

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
I Choose Love Miller

Sermon *Go and Do the Same:* Renee Hoke
Being the Church in the 21st Century

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *Jesu, Jesu* No. 600

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Invitation Cal Edgemon

Elders' Prayers Cheryl Smiley & Robert Hernandez

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

Stewardship Moment Jerry Johnson

Invitation to Stewardship Renee Hoke

Offertory Chancel Choir

Prayer of St. Francis Clausen

*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 *Pass It On* No. 477

*The Benediction Renee Hoke

*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 TERRY HUFF given by Dan & Carole Davis.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Abigail Josephine Bailey born on November 1, 2017. Abigail Josephine is the daughter of Hannah &



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 during the Sunday worship services located in Room 209. The children will get to learn about God through storytelling, play, and music. Available during the week is our childcare programs of Children Come First and Young Ages Preschool.



Welcome, Little Ones!

Children's Church

Children's Church allows children age 4- 2nd grade to worship and fellowship together in an age appropriate environment through storytelling and art projects. 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".

Youth: Chi Rho and CYF



Join us on Sunday evenings from 5-7 for dinner, games, and some time spent in God's Word. We are working on our "Back to Basics" lesson series where we cover key tenants of our faith such as prayer, grace, and other big picture elements of what we believe. Also join us on Wednesday nights from 7-8 after the Neighborhood Worship service where we are discussing ways to apply our faith to current, real life situations that youth face on a daily basis.

Hearing Aid Devices

We have hearing assistance devices available to improve your worship experience. Please notify one of our deacons or elders who are greeters today and they will be happy to help you.

How May We Serve You?

The registration pad which is passed out at the beginning of worship each Sunday is a convenient way to notify the church office of changes in your contact information, to request a visit or call from the Pastoral Staff, to share information with our Elders, or to make any other request. Please let us know how we might serve you this week.

E-Mail Addresses

FCC Ministry News is an e-newsletter delivered to your inbox and cell phone on Mondays that includes a schedule for the week, ministry highlights, and photos of what's happening at FCC. To subscribe, simply call the church office at 692-2282 and provide your email address. You may unsubscribe at any time.

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 Ministry

A Program of
Catholic Charities Fort Worth and
First Christian Church Wichita Falls

Common Ground Recovery Ministries

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

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

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

Ministry News & Calendar Highlights

2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Commitment Sunday, November 19th

Rev. Renee Hoke, Preaching

Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon @ Noon

With fried chicken, baked 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!

Christian Women's Fellowship

The November CWF Luncheon will be Monday, Nov. 13th, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Charles Campbell with the Museum of North Texas History. The devotional will be given by Renee Hoke and the service offering will go to the Museum of North Texas History. 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.

Group Meeting: Group 2 will meet this Wednesday, Nov. 15th, at 12:00 noon in Room 405.

The Neighborhood

Join us on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall for a midweek meal at 5:30 pm and as we move to a very relaxed style of worship at 6 pm—songs we love, simple prayers, then a lively, interactive children's message offered by our Children's Minister Claire Baer. The children then depart for their own special activities.

Next comes the message, which looks a lot like small group Bible study. Rev. Hoke presents the theme, and then we divide into groups of 8-10 around the tables for discussion questions that help us explore scripture and faith issues as we get to know each other.

The service concludes with a simple service of communion, a beautiful musical offering by our gifted musicians, and a prayer circle so that we can pray for each other in the days ahead.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for:
Family meal at 5:30 pm
Worship at 6 pm
featuring special activities for children

Thanksgiving Baskets

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

SIGN UP EARLY to be a delivery volunteer by calling the church office, or Polly Tonemah at 224-8132.

- **Now:** Pick up your bag and shopping list, and start filling it with the listed items
- **Wednesday, November 15:** Deadline for returning filled baskets to Room 310
- **Friday, November 17 at 3pm:** Assemble baskets in Room 310
- **Saturday, November 18:** Meet at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall to deliver Thanksgiving Baskets.

November Meetings

Will be as follows:

- Monday, November 13th:**
Evangelism at 5:30 pm, Rm 310
- Tuesday, November 14th:**
Education at 6:00 pm, FH
Property at 6:00 pm, Rm 310
Outreach at 7:00 pm, Library
Worship at 7:00 pm, Rm 222
- Sunday, November 19th:**
Membership at 5:00 pm, FH
- Tuesday, November 21st:**
Prayer Team for Persecuted Christians at 5:00 pm, Rm 310
Stewardship at 6:00 pm, Rm 310
- Tuesday, November 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, November 13th, 20th & 27th.

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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, November 12, 2017

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

Monday, November 13, 2017

7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
 9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (M-F)
 9:00-1:00—Sort & Deliver Coats (M-F)
 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting..... History Room
 10:30—Christian Women's Fellowship Board Meeting..... Room 310
 11:45—Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon..... Fellowship Hall
 5:30—Evangelism Ministry Meeting..... Room 310
 6:30—Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting..... Room 405
 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

2:00—Library Committee..... Library
 6:00—Education Ministry Meeting Fellowship Hall
 6:00—Property Ministry Meeting..... Room 310
 6:00-7:00—Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
 Grief.....Room 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
 7:00—World Outreach Ministry Meeting..... Library & Room 310
 7:00—Worship Ministry Meeting..... Room 222

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 405 & Chapel
 12:00—CWF Group 2 Meeting Room 405
 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, November 16, 2017

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

Friday, November 17, 2017

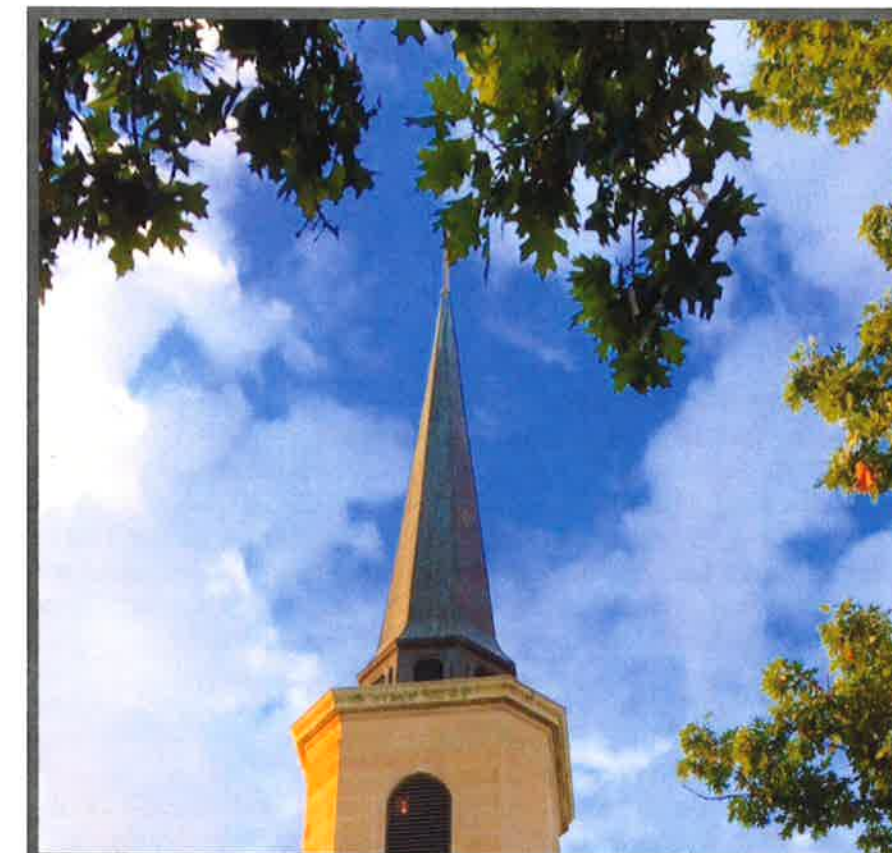
2:30-3:30—Children Come First Feast..... Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 18, 2017

9:45—Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 19, 2017

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 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
 5:00—Membership Ministry Meeting Fellowship Hall



**GO & DO
 THE SAME**

2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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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