

LISTEN

Lent 2

Surrounded by the Spirit

February 25, 2018

10:45 am

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Please enter quietly and use the time before worship to settle into an attentive and relaxed state of being.

Announcements

Renee Hoke

Music for Settling: Prelude

Debbie Watson

Evoking the Mystery

Come and rest, come and listen.

Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.

Silent Rest

You are invited to sit quietly in the silence without any expectation of what you "ought" to be thinking. Don't worry about the sounds you hear—just let them float into and out of your attention. And if you find it difficult to settle your thoughts, contemplate the following: Most of us breathe too shallow. Take a deep breath all the way into the far corners of your lungs...fill up your breath...fill up your spirit.

Then let it empty all the way out, long and slow... Let it all go and take with it the toxins of your life.

Examen

A devotional exercise involving reflection on and moral evaluation of one's thoughts and conduct, typically performed on a daily basis.

For that which, then, I thought was right...

have mercy, God.

For that which, now, I regret...

forgive me, God.

For that which, hence, I know not what to do...

guide me, God.

Come and rest, come and listen.

Know that grace, forgiveness and guidance are available to you

At each and every moment that we turn to receive them.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 254

Children are invited to come forward on the last verse.

Children's Moment

Claire Baer

The Psalmist's Prayer: Psalm 33:3-6; 20-22

Renee Hoke

Sung response

Listen to the sigh of the soul. Listen to the sigh of the soul.

Listen to the sigh of the soul.

Listen, God is singing, God is singing.

Sing to God a new song! Play your best with joyful shouts!

Because the Lord's word is right.

God's every act is done in good faith.

God loves righteousness and justice; the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth. The skies were made by the Lord's word, all their starry multitude by the breath of God's mouth.

Sung response

We put our hope in the Lord. God is our help and our shield.

Our heart rejoices in God

because we trust God's holy name.

Lord, let your faithful love surround us

because we wait for you.

Sung response

Seeking the Word

Romans 8:26-28; 38-39

Josh deSteiguer

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Music for an Inward Journey

In the Shadow of Thy Wings

Andrew Allen, soprano saxophone

Chancel Choir

Leavitt

Meditation

Renee Hoke

Appointment with God

Please leave the prayer booklet in your pew after the service, and we will rotate them next week so that we can experience each other's wisdom—so keep that in mind when you write in the booklet.

Prayer of the People

Renee Hoke

Lord's Prayer

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Invitation

Debbi Schmidt

Elders' Prayers

Rick Appling & Craig Reynolds

Distribution of the Loaf 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

Josh deSteiguer

Offertory

Chancel Choir

Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray

Kitson

*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 Thanksgiving

Youth

Prepare to Listen in the World

*Closing Hymn

No. 265

Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart

*Benediction

*Passing of the Peace

*Music for Going Out

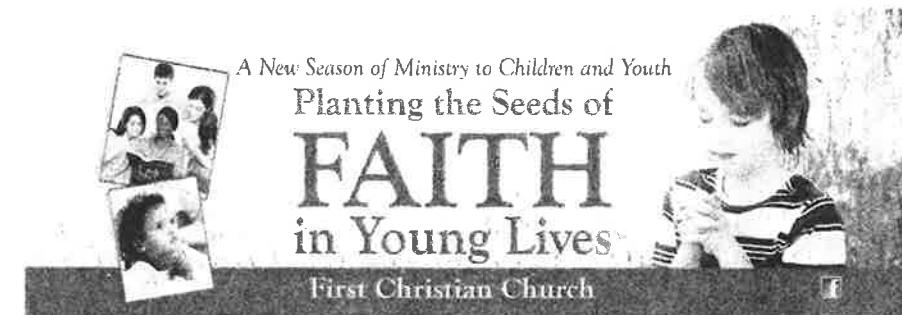
* If you are able, please stand.

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

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF JOE FITTS given by Peggy Fitts.

IN MEMORY OF TIM FITTS given by Peggy Fitts.



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 years—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".

Sunday Evening Children & Youth Activities Schedule

5:00 Grow in Grace Choir [Grades K-5] (Stratten Hall)

5:00 Chi Rho [Grades 6-8] & CYF [Grades 9-12] (Room 403)

5:45 Young Disciples [Grades K-5] (Room 402)

Young Disciples (Grades K-5)

Young Disciples will be holding three events during the week of Spring Break and this is the perfect time to bring friends to Young Disciples! If your child brings a friend they will get to pick a special prize! For each event we will meet in the Young Disciples room.

- Tuesday, March 13th, 3-5pm, we will bake and decorate cookies. These cookies will be taken to fire stations for some of our community heroes to enjoy.
- Thursday, March 15th, 3:00-4:30pm, we will have a game day! If the weather is permitting we will go outside for some messy games. If the weather is on the colder side, we will stay indoors for our games. Make sure that your child has on clothes that they can get dirty.
- Friday, March 16th, 6:00-9:00pm, Parent's Night Out! Bring your children to the church and enjoy a little R&R from Spring Break. There will be food, games and a movie for the children to enjoy.

Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12)

Chi Rho & CYF will be holding the following events during the week of Spring Break:

- ❖ Paintball on Tuesday, March 13th, meet at the church at 12:00 noon.
- ❖ Lock-In on Friday, March 16th, from 8 pm to 8 am.
- ❖ Rock and Worship Roadshow Concert on Sunday, March 18th. Details TBA.

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.

GIVE+Mobile

Electronic Giving is a convenient and secure way to provide consistent financial support to our church. You can now make contributions to First Christian Church anytime. Just look for the *GivePlus Church* app in the App Store or Google Play. You can quickly and easily donate using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

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!

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.



Ministry News & Calendar Highlights

News & Testament on Sunday, February 25

Our monthly News & Testament (formerly FACE Time) conversation, will be on Sunday, February 25th. We'll explore what's making headlines in our world and then consider our faithful response as followers of Jesus. Join us at 5 pm in the Church Parlor.

Tea at Two on Tuesdays!

Claudine Farrell & Renee Hoke host a gathering for women on Tuesday afternoons on the last Tuesday of the month. Bring your favorite tea cup and join us on Tuesday, February 27th, at 2 pm in the Church Parlor. There will be hot tea, tasty treats, and great conversation. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend or neighbor!

February Meetings

will be as follows:

Tuesday, February 27th:

Executive Council at 6:00 pm, Rm 310

If you will need childcare, please RSVP to the church office, 692-2282, by noon on Monday, Feb. 26th

Young Ages Preschool Open House!

Young Ages Preschool would like to cordially invite you to our "Once Upon A Time" Open House this Tuesday, February 27th, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Young Ages classrooms.

Are you looking for a preschool for your child/grandchild? Would you like to see what we do? Please come, look around and celebrate our students' accomplishments. We are very proud of our preschool and we love to show off!

Our spring fundraiser to benefit our school will be a bake sale during the Open House and a raffle with winners drawn on Wednesday, February 28th. The 23 raffle items are posted around the church and a list is also available in the church office. You may purchase your raffle tickets from a YAS student, in the YAS office or in the church office.

2018-19 School Enrollment for FCC Church Members begins on February 27th.

Registration packets will be available at Open House. For more information, please call Alisa Gardner at the Young Ages office, 692-3640.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 25, 2018

WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
3:45—Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall
5:00—News & Testament Parlor
5:00-9:00—Children & Youth Activities Rooms 402/403/Gym
6:30—"Faith & Doubt" Bible Study 2308 Ellingham

Monday, February 26, 2018

7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (M-F)
10:15—FCC Staff Meeting Room 222
6:30—Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting Room 310
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

2:00—Tea at Two Parlor
2:00—Library Committee Library
6:00—Executive Council Meeting Room 310
6:00—Young Ages School Open House & Bake Sale YAS Classrooms
6:00-7:00—Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
Addictive Behaviors Room 304 Parenting Rooms 305 & 306
Rebuilding from Broken Relationships Room 307
Women's C.A.R.E. Room 308 Anger Management Room 309

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

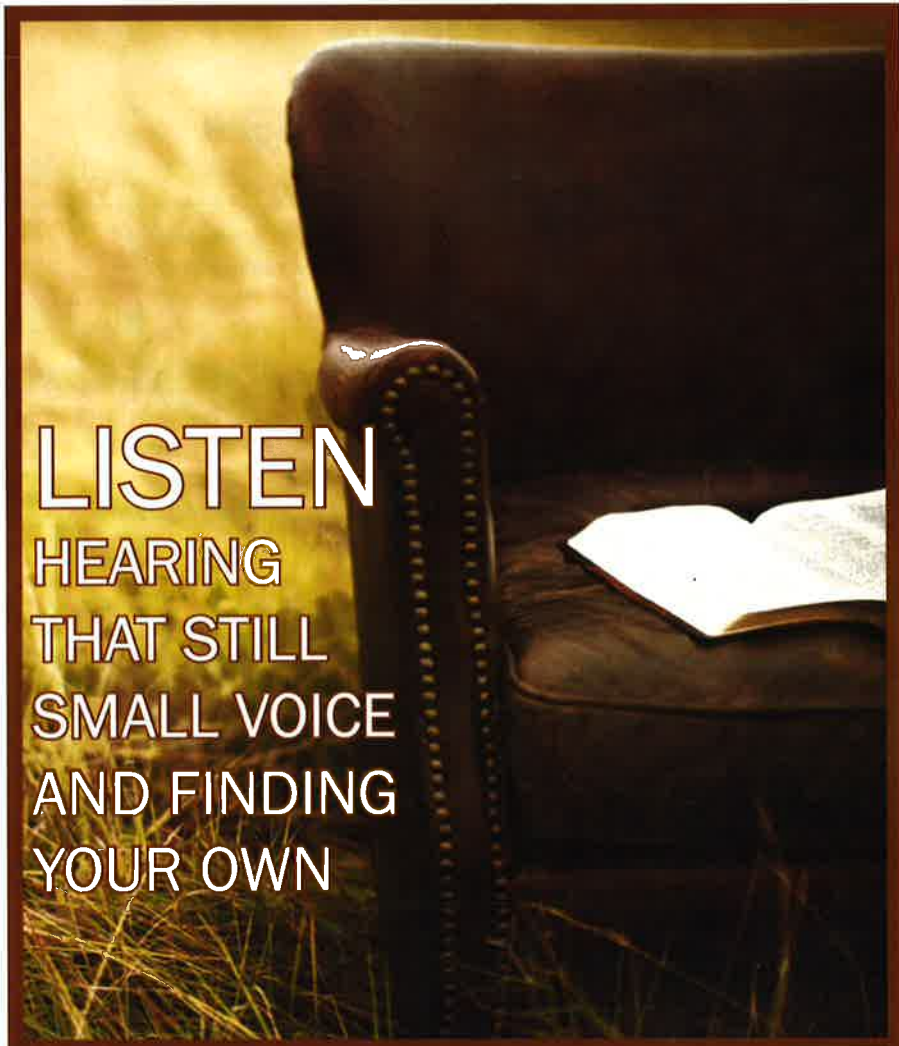
7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 405 & Chapel
10:30—Lenten Bible Study with Sherri Sutton Room 310
5:30—The Neighborhood Meal Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00—The Neighborhood Worship Fellowship Hall
7:00-8:00—Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) Youth Room
7:00-8:30—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall

Thursday, March 1, 2018

1:30—Knit Wits Parlor

Sunday, March 4, 2018

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—Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall
5:00-7:00—Children & Youth Activities Rooms 402/403/Gym



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First Christian Church *Disciples of Christ*

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10:45am in the Sanctuary
Sunday School at 9:30am

Acoustic worship Wednesdays at 6pm
in Fellowship Hall

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