

LISTEN

Lent 6: Palm/Passion Sunday

Finding Your Purpose: Listening to Your Heart

March 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

(The choir will sing the song once, then you are invited to join.)

Come and rest, come and listen.

Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.

Invitation to Listen

(The choir will sing the song once, then you are invited to join.)

Come and rest, come and listen.

There's a wisdom deep within that calls us closer.

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 sounds from children or colds—just let them float into and out of your attention. And if you find it difficult to settle your thoughts, contemplate the following: Listen to the beating of your heart...it will tell you what makes you fully alive.

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.

Palm Processional

*Hymn *All Glory, Laud and Honor* No. 192
Children are invited to come forward on the last verse.

Children's Moment Claire Baer

The Psalmist's Prayer: Psalm 4:1, 6-8 Renee Hoke
Sung response

Listen to the beat of your heart. Listen to the beat of your heart.
Listen to the beat of your heart. Listen, God is singing,
God is singing.

Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!

Set me free from my troubles!

Have mercy on me! Listen to my prayer!

Many people say, "We can't find goodness anywhere.

The light of your face has left us, Lord!"

Sung response

But you have filled my heart with more joy than when their wheat and wine are everywhere! I will lie down and fall asleep in peace,
Because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.

Sung response

Seeking the Word Josh deSteiguer
Matthew 26:36-46
Pew Bible Page 30

Music for an Inward Journey Chancel Choir
Thy Will Be Done Courtney

Meditation Renee Hoke

Appointment with God
Please leave the prayer booklet in your pew after the service.

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 Howard Morris
Elders' Prayers Cathy Gately & Robert Hernandez
Distribution of the Loaf and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.
*Please partake of the bread (Gluten-free wafers are available in each bread tray) 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. 442
We Are Walking - vs. 1, sung twice

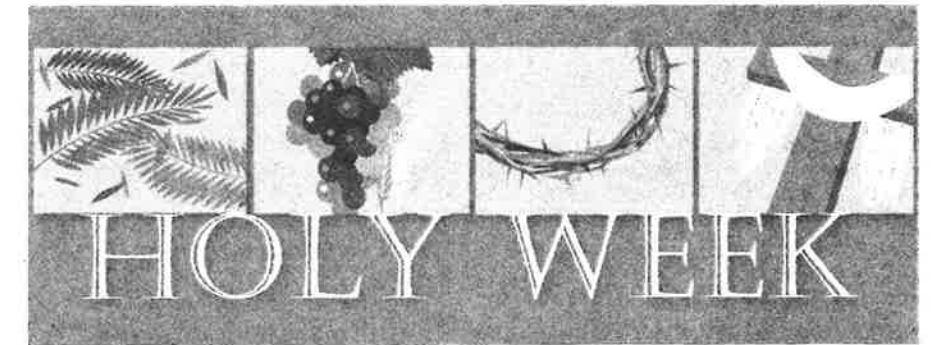
*Presentation of Baptism Candidates
*Benediction
*Passing of the Peace
*Music for Going Out

* 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 BURL NOWELL given by Jean Puckett, Doug & Vicki Kunkle.

ON THE COVER: Christ's Entry into Jerusalem by Hippolye Flandrin c. 1842



"Parade of the Palms" and Easter Egg Hunt

It is tradition for Palm Sunday worship to begin with children carrying palms down the center aisle, reminding us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Following worship everyone is invited to stay for a hot dog feast served up by Christian Men's Fellowship. Following lunch, it's time for the annual First Christian Church Easter Egg Hunt. Even if you don't have little ones at home, please stay and enjoy the fun. We'll have chairs set up in a shady spot so you won't miss the spectacle of children searching for eggs.

Along the Way to the Cross

Maundy Thursday worship on March 29 offers an interactive reflection on the final events of Holy Week. We will begin at 6 p.m. with a simple meal served in Fellowship Hall, reminding us of how the disciples gathered with Jesus on the night of his arrest. At 6:30 pm worship begins with Holy Communion. Then we rise and make our way to the Garden of the Cross, where we imagine Jesus deep in prayer at the Garden of Gethsemane. Our next stop is Muir Woods where we remember how Jesus was betrayed by Judas. We move next to a courtyard to consider how Jesus was beaten by Roman guards. Finally, seated in the Sanctuary, we reflect on the Crucifixion. Please join us for this journey to the cross.

Sunrise Worship on Easter Sunday in the Garden of the Cross

At 7:00 am, Traditional Worship at 8:40 am in the Chapel and 10:45 am in the Sanctuary.

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".

9th Annual "Cruisin' for Christ" Kick-Off Car Show on April 21st!

Come by to see the cars in over twenty categories! Registration is from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Prizes are awarded at 3:00 pm. If you have a car you would like to show off, the registration fee is only \$20. All proceeds benefit FCC Youth Ministry.

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, March 25

Our monthly News & Testament conversation, will be today, March 25th, led by Deanna & Sam Watson. Deanna is Editor of the Wichita Falls Times Record News and Sam is Dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences at MSU. 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.

Hero Central VBS!

Would you like to help with Vacation Bible School this year?! The dates for VBS are July 23rd-27th. Join us on Monday, March 26th, at 6:00 pm for a VBS planning meeting. We will meet in Room 405 and discuss different volunteer positions and a timeline of events leading up to Hero Central. If you have any questions please email Claire at claire@firstchristianwf.com.

**Christian Men's Fellowship
LADIES' NIGHT
DINNER**
Thursday, April 5, 6:30 pm,
Fellowship Hall

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, March 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!

March Ministry Meetings

Tuesday, March 27th:
Executive Council at 6:00 pm, Rm 310
If you will need childcare, please RSVP to 692-2282, by noon on Mondays, March 26th.

Red River Hot Dogs

Is back on the Neighborhood's meal schedule for the last Wednesday of every month from 5:00-6:30 pm starting this month, March 28th. They will also be with us for the Blessing of Pets on Saturday, April 28th, from 11 am—1 pm.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

The Chapel will be open for a 24-hour Prayer Vigil on March 29-30 from 8:00pm-8:00pm or you may pray at home. Please sign up for 1/2 hour time slots in the Sanctuary Narthex.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY
8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School Chapel
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
12:00—Fellowship Luncheon & Easter Egg Hunt Fellowship Hall & Grounds
3:45—Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall
5:00—News & Testament Parlor
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
6:30—Sunday Evening Bible Study Group 2308 Ellingham

Monday, March 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
6:00—VBS Planning Meeting Room 405
6:30—Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting Room 310
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

2:00—Tea at Two Parlor
2:00—Library Committee Library
6:00—Executive Council Meeting Room 310
6:00—Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
Addictive Behaviors Room 304 Parenting Rooms 305 & 306
Rebuilding from Broken Relationships Room 307
Anger Management Room 309

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 405 & Chapel
10:30—Lenten Bible Study with Sherri Sutton Room 310
10:30—YAS Easter Parties & Egg Hunts (Wed. & Thurs.) Classrooms & Grounds
5:00-6:30—The Neighborhood Meal—"Red River Hot Dogs" Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00—The Neighborhood Worship Fellowship Hall
7:00-8:00—Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) Youth Room
7:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall

Thursday, March 29, 2018 MAUNDY THURSDAY

9:00—CCF Easter Parties & Egg Hunts Classrooms & Grounds
6:00—Maundy Thursday Meal Fellowship Hall
6:30—Maundy Thursday Worship Fellowship Hall/Grounds/Sanctuary
8:00—24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins Chapel

Friday, March 30, 2018 GOOD FRIDAY

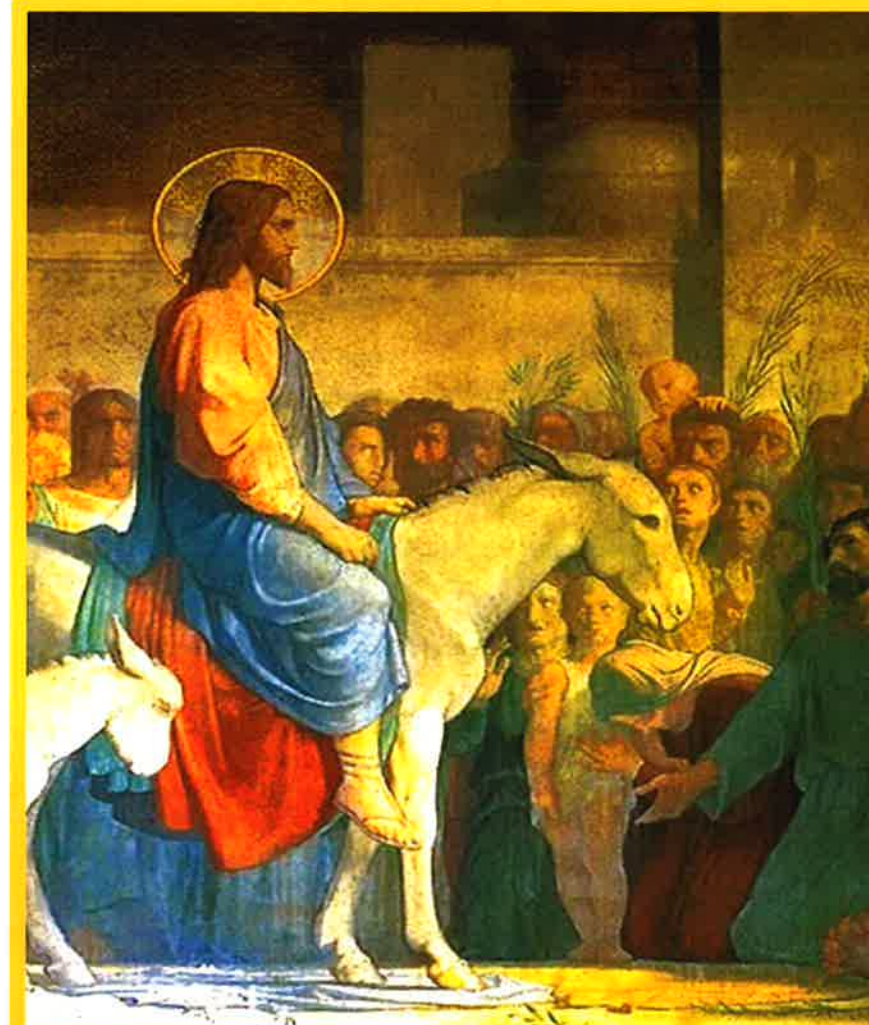
Children Come First & Young Ages School Closed
8:00pm—24-Hour Prayer Vigil Ends Chapel

Sunday, April 1, 2018 EASTER

7:00—Sunrise Service Garden of the Cross
8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School Chapel
NO—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
NO—Sunday Afternoon/Evening Activities

Monday, April 2, 2018

Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed



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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