

LISTEN

Lent 3

Finding a Word: Listening to the Texts

March 4, 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: We spend so much time solving, fixing, figuring out. What about simply letting things be for a minute? It is often the most needed ingredient for a breakthrough.

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

Wonderful Words of Life

No. 323

Children are invited to come forward on the last verse.

Children's Moment

Claire Baer

The Psalmist's Prayer: Psalm 46:1-7

Renee Hoke

Sung response

Listen, silence speaks to the heart. Listen, silence speaks to the heart. Listen, silence speaks to the heart. Listen, God is singing, God is singing.

God is our refuge and strength

a help always near in times of great trouble.

That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart,

when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea,

when its waters roar and rage,

when the mountains shake because of its surging waves.

Sung response

There is a river whose streams gladden God's city,

the holiest dwelling of the Most High.

God is in that city. It will never crumble.

God will help it when morning dawns.

Nations roar; kingdoms crumble.

God utters God's voice; the earth melts.

The Lord of heavenly forces is with us!

The God of Jacob is our place of safety.

Sung response

Seeking the Word

Proverbs 1:20-23

Josh deSteiguer

Pew Bible Page 584

Music for an Inward Journey Chancel Choir

Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

arr. Schraeder

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

Cal Edgemon

Elders' Prayers

Polly Tonemah & David Collins

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

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Pote

*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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

No. 622

*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 CORLISS WYATT given by David Wyatt.

IN MEMORY OF RALPH ARMSTRONG given by Mark & Sheri Sutton.

IN MEMORY OF YVETTE CLOER FULLER (Connie Cannedy's sister) given by Liz Vernon.

Spring Break 2018

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.

- **Cookie Baking & Decorating:** 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.
- **Game Day:** Thursday, March 15th 3:00-4:30pm. 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.
- **Parent's Night Out:** Friday, March 16th 6:00-9:00pm. 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)

The youth will be having three super fun events the week of spring break! This is the perfect opportunity to bring some friends and show them what we are about.

- **Paintball:** Tuesday, March 13th: We are going to Field of Honor for some high speed paintball action! Meet at the church at noon and wear clothing that can get dirty.
- **Lock-In:** Friday, March 16th: We're going to party till the break of dawn! All night lock-in at the church full of games, competition, and snacks. We will begin at 8:00 p.m. and parents can pick up youth at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.
- **Rock & Worship:** Sunday, March 18th: Prepare to Rock! We will be attending the Rock and Worship Roadshow at the MPEC center. Meet at the church at 4:45 p.m..

FIVE THINGS GOD USES TO GROW OUR FAITH

This week's lesson is "Providential Relationships"—the people God places in our lives at just the right moment to inspire and encourage us.

Wednesday, 6-7 pm, Fellowship Hall, led by Renee Hoke. Join us!

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".

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

Prime Timers Luncheon

Today at 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

On Hold

The March gathering of ON HOLD, our support group for caregivers of all kinds, will be this Tuesday, March 6th, 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 those who place their own lives "on hold" while they care for loved ones.

The Men's Breakfast Club!

For March, we invite all men to join us for breakfast this Thursday morning, March 8th, at the Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy. We will gather at 6:30 am and conclude no later than 7:30 am for those who are on their way to the office. We will enjoy a devotional, coffee, good food and fellowship.

Daylight Savings Time

Begins next Sunday, March 11th! Turn your clocks FORWARD one hour Saturday night!

Sunday Evening Bible Study Group

Will begin a new study using the book "Perfectly Yourself" next Sunday, March 11th. The group led by Kathleen Lauck & Sandra Ross meets on Sundays at 6:30 pm at 2308 Ellingham (home of Dwight & Sandra Ross). Everyone is welcome!

Join us for our annual EASTER EGG HUNT & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Sunday, March 25th, 12pm, in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed!

We need your help to make our Easter Egg hunt a successful and fun event for all! We need: individually wrapped candy, small prizes, and our empty eggs filled!

Please bring all candy and small prizes to the church office. We have PLENTY if empty plastic eggs that you can pick up from the church office, fill them at home, and bring them back to the church office by Friday, March 23rd.

Contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Alisa Gardner, *Director of Young Ages School*
Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
Jessica Gallant, *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, 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—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
NO—Sunday Evening Bible Study Group 2308 Ellingham

Monday, March 5, 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, March 6, 2018

7:30-Noon—CCF Bunny Photos Parlor
11:00—Whirlwind Cluster Ministers' Meeting Room 310
11:30-1:30—"On Hold" Caregivers Support Group..... 2414/2416 Barbados
NO—Library Committee Library
6:00—Property Ministry Meeting..... Room 310
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
7:00—CGRM Meal Room 405

Wednesday, March 7, 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 8, 2018

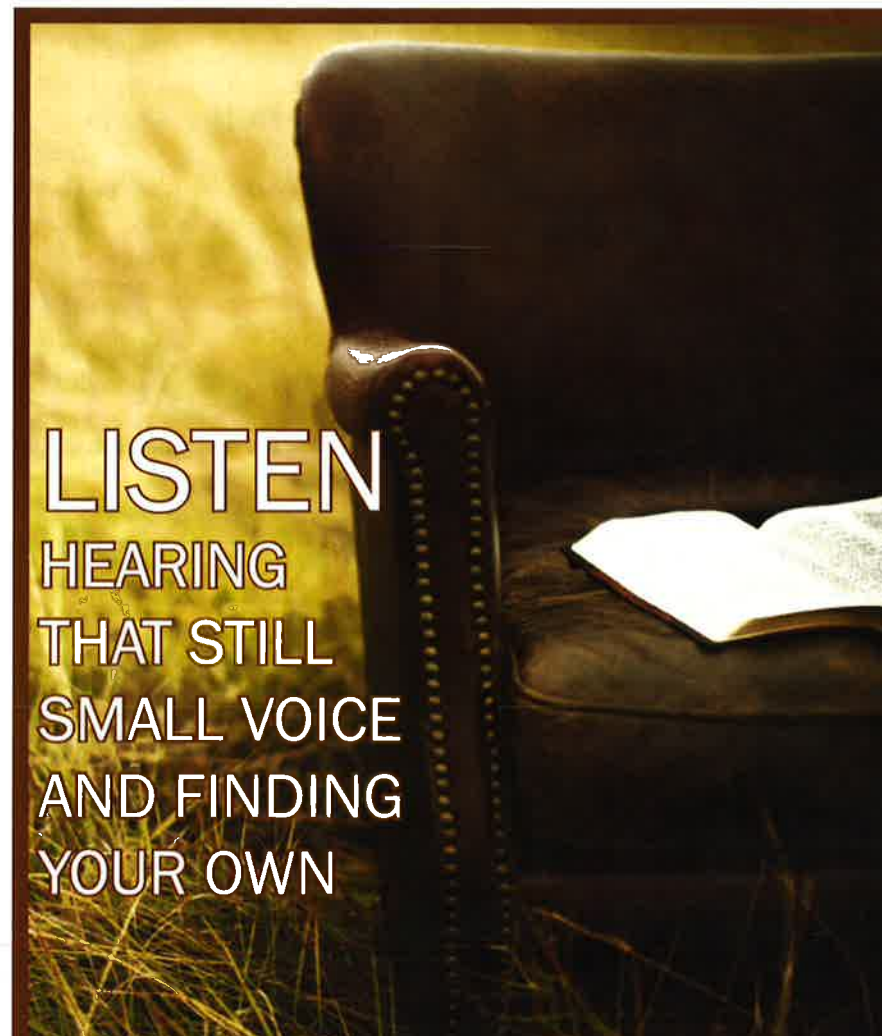
6:30—CMF Men's Breakfast Club..... Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy

Friday, March 9, 2018

12:15—CCF Parent Advisory Committee Meeting..... Room 405

Sunday, March 11, 2018

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