

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

10:45 am

WE GATHER

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome Renee Hoke

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gathering Music
Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me,
I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

*Call to Worship Josh deSteiguer

What a joy it is to welcome you this day!
We are grateful and happy to be here.
Christ, the Good Shepherd, invites you to walk with him.
We accept that invitation, confident in his guidance.
Be ready to serve the Lord in all that you do, for his love has
been poured upon you.
Open our hearts and spirits this day, Lord, to receive your
holy words and to be challenged in our service to you.

*Hymn He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought No. 545

*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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading John 10:11-18 Josh deSteiguer
Pew Bible Page 103

Children's Message Claire Baer

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.

Choral Response Alleluia, Amen Chancel Choir

Anthem Chancel Choir
Psalm 23 Sorenson

Sermon The Good Shepherd Renee Hoke

WE RESPOND

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn No. 429

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Communion Invitation Ricky Scales
Elders' Prayers Polly Tonemah & Sally Hastings
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
Shepherd of Tender Youth Darst
*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.

*Offertory Prayer

WE GO FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship Renee Hoke

*Closing Hymn No. 559
All the Way My Savior Leads Me

*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 ALVIN & BILLIE BURGE given by Bob & Mary Carlton,
Frances Williams.
IN MEMORY OF JIMMIE STODGHILL given by Dan & Carole Davis, James
Irl & Dot Montgomery, Carolyn Ford, Jean Puckett, Harvey & Sherry Martin, Fred
& Claudine Farrell, Diana Costello, Judy Muir.
IN MEMORY OF DON DUNCAN given by Dan & Carole Davis, Keystone
Class, Fred & Claudine Farrell, Judy Muir.
IN MEMORY OF BURL NOWELL given by Harvey & Sherry Martin.
IN MEMORY OF BARBARA DORMAN given by Dr. J. William Henry.
The flowers this morning are given by Shirle Kerbow & Family in loving
memory of Joe Kerbow.



Blessing of the Animals — This Saturday, April 28
Bring your furry friends for a Blessing of the Animals by our pastors on Saturday, April 28, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the church grounds. Leashes or carriers for all pets, please. Red River Hot Dogs will be on site.

VOLUNTEER
We need your help June 4-7 as we host an evening Vacation Bible School at the Boys & Girls Club, 119 E. Wichita St. We need volunteers to help with crafts, science experiments, recreation, Bible story time, age group leaders and meal sponsors. Schedule: 5:30 pm meal, 6-8:30 pm VBS. Call Claire now to sign up.

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 the Room 213, use the Exit door near altar and follow the signs for "Children Pick-Up".

Youth Ministry
Youth: Grades 6-12
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.

Young Disciples: Grades K-5
Sunday Evenings:
Grow in Grace Choir @ 5:00 pm in Stratten Hall
Young Disciples @ 5:45 pm in Room 402
Wednesday Evenings:
Young Disciples @ 6:00 pm in Room 402
Bible Study, activities, fellowship and games



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 Ann Hunter in the church office at 940-692-2282.

Ministry News & Calendar Highlights

9th Annual "Cruisin' for Christ" Kick-Off Car Show Moved To May 12

Come by to see the cars in over twenty categories plus plenty of food and lots of door prizes! 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.



Red River Hot Dogs

Will be here this Wednesday, April 25th, for the Neighborhood's meal from 5:00-6:30 pm. They will also be with us for the Blessing of Pets this Saturday, April 28th, from 11 am—1 pm.

News & Testament on Sunday, April 29

Our monthly News & Testament (formerly FACE Time) conversation, will be next Sunday, April 29th, led by Deanna & Sam Watson. 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.

2018 Area Assembly

2018 Area Assembly will be on Saturday, May 5, at 2:00 pm at University Christian Church, Fort Worth. The theme is "Come and Celebrate With Us!" Business Meeting at 2 pm and Worship at 4 pm with Rev. Renee Hoke, preaching. There is much happening at the Assembly this year, from conversations and voting on our proposed plan for restructure, and a worship service celebrating our connection with one another through all the ministries of the TBA! Come and join in, all are welcome!

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
3:45—Chancel Ringers 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/Gym
6:00—Young Disciples (Grades K-5) Room 402
6:30—Sunday Evening Bible Study Group 2308 Ellingham

Monday, April 23, 2018

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

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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, April 25, 2018

7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 405 & Chapel
5:00-6:30—Red River Hot Dogs Outside 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, April 26, 2018

Young Ages School Parent/Teacher Conferences (Thurs. & Fri.) Classrooms

Saturday, April 28, 2018

11:00-1:00—Blessing of Animals Garden of the Cross

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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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