

July 1, 2018 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am

WE GATHER

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome Josh deSteiguer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gathering Music

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, Mighty God: O Lord God Almighty.

*Call to Worship Claire Baer

We came from all places and all peoples to gather here today.
Some of us traveled across the ice, others came later in boats, and
still others of us waded rivers or arrived in planes.
We found a land blessed.

Blessed with mountains and valleys, rivers and oceans, fertile
earth, wonderful woods, and promising cities.

Here a dream was born.
A dream of freedom from all oppression,
a dream of hope for our children,
a dream of people under community with God.

And the dream continues....
God help us to do your work until your dream comes true.

*Hymn God of the Ages No. 725

*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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Matthew 16:13-18 Claire Baer
Pew Bible Page 18

Children's Message Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Josh deSteiguer

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 Threefold Amen Chancel Choir

Anthem America the Beautiful Chancel Choir
arr. Danner

Sermon Why I Love The Church Paul Goodrich

WE RESPOND

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn No. 705

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Communion Invitation Robert Hernandez

Elders' Prayers Cheryl Smiley & David Collins

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

This is My Song Zinter

Sharon Mucker and Linda C. Carr, solos

*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 Josh deSteiguer

WE GO FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship Josh deSteiguer

*Closing Hymn Let There Be Peace on Earth No. 677

*Benediction Paul Goodrich

*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 CAROL (HAINLINE) MOORE given by Rita Cason.
The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Austin Jack Cason
born on June 27th. Austin Jack is the son of Jackie & Craig Cason, grandson of Karel
& Ronnie Cason, great-grandson of Rita Cason and grand-nephew of Linda & Larry
Carr.

WELCOME!
We're happy you
joined us today!




WATERMELON & FIREWORKS
Tuesday, July 3
Bring your lawn chairs and come join us on
Tuesday, July 3rd, at 8:00 pm in the parking lot
to enjoy slices of watermelon and watch the
Country Club's Fireworks show.




Pulpit Supply Committee
The Pulpit Supply Committee is excited to announce the following all-star line-up
of our own & guest ministers for July!
July 8th: Josh deSteiguer
July 15th: Rev. Dave Brummett
July 22nd: Rev. Ben Hubert, retired Senior Minister of First Christian Church,
San Angelo TX.
July 29th: Josh deSteiguer
If you have suggestions of someone you'd like to hear, please send their
name and information to Cheryl Appling - cheryl@firstchristianwf.com - We'll
be happy to see if we can arrange it!

Young Disciples: Grades K-5
Sunday Evenings:
Young Disciples @ 5:30-7:00 pm in Room 402
Wednesday Evenings:
First Kidz @ 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 402
Bible Study, activities, fellowship and games




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.



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 are 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 the 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 (Parenting, Anger Management, and Rebuilding from Broken Relationships). For more information contact Rev. Margaret Scales at 940-337-1712 or cgrm@firstchristianwf.com.

Ministry News & Calendar Highlights



Vacation Bible School
"Hero Central"
July 23-27
9am-Noon
Ages 4 years to 5th grade complete
Register at:
www.firstchristianwf.com/ministries/special-events

Prime Timers Luncheon

Sunday, July 1st
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

"On Hold" Postponed

The "On Hold" Support Group for Caregivers has been postponed from July 3rd and moved to Tuesday, July 10th, from 11:30am-1:30pm at 2416 Barbados.

4th of July Holiday

The Church Building, Offices and all Programs will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th, for Independence Day!



Friday Night at the Movies

Join Claire & Josh every Friday night in July for a movie night! We will meet in the FCC Cinema Room at 6:30 pm for a fun, family friendly film. There will be popcorn and ice cream for all! It's a great way to beat the heat. The movie for July 6th will be "Remember the Titans."

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 1, 2018

PANTRY SUNDAY
8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
12:00—Prime Timers Luncheon.....Fellowship Hall
5:00-7:00—Chi Rho (Grades 6-8) & CYF (Grades 9-12) Room 403/Gym
5:30-7:00—Young Disciples (Grades K-5)..... Room 402

Monday, July 2, 2018

7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
10:00—FCC Staff Meeting..... Room 222
6:15—Pulpit Supply Committee Meeting Library
6:30—Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting..... Room 310
7:30—Boy Scout Troop 15.....Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

6:00—Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
Anger Management.....Room 309 Parenting Rooms 305 & 306
Rebuilding from Broken Relationships..... Room 307
8:00—Watermelons & Fireworks..... Parking Lot

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 405 & Chapel
Church Offices & All Programs Closed for July 4th Holiday

Thursday, July 5, 2018

1:30—Knit Wits..... Parlor

Friday, July 6, 2018

6:30—Friday Night at the Movies: "Remember the Titans" Cinema Rm
Time TBA—Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12) Leave for Movie at the Drive-In...
.....Graham Drive-In Theater, Graham TX

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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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