

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 2018 10:45 am

WE GATHER

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome and Announcements Mark Bender

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gathering Music

**I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!**

*Call to Worship Mark Bender

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,
Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,
Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,
Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,

Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 66

*Invocation Mark Bender

*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 Colossians 3:12-17
Pew Bible Page 201

Children's Message Josh deSteiguer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Mark 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.**

Response to Prayer *Threefold Amen* Chancel Choir

Anthem
Lord, Here Am I

Sermon
We are the Church Together: A Force

Chancel Choir
Beck

Josh deSteiguer

WE RESPOND

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn *Jesu, Jesu - vs. 1 & 4* No. 600

Communion Invitation Robert Hernandez

Elders' Prayers Ann Hunter & Emily Wilson

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 Mark Bender

Offertory Chancel Choir

Many Gifts, One Spirit 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.

*Offertory Prayer

WE GO FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship Josh deSteiguer

*Closing Hymn No. 490

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant - vs. 1, 2 & 5

*Benediction Josh deSteiguer

*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 WANDA BOYLES given by Ruth Terry.

IN MEMORY OF BILL THACKER (Husband of Pat Thacker) given by Ruth Terry, Mark & Debbie Tumbow.

The flowers this morning are given by Sally & Robert Hastings in loving memory of Joe & Norma Turner, parents of Sally Hastings.



WELCOME!

We are glad to see you!



It's that spook-tacular time of year again! First Christian Church will be hosting our Trunk-or-Treat event again this year! **Our on-site Trunk-or-Treat will take place next Sunday, October 28th from 6:00-8:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall and parking lot. There will be games, candy and fun. Put on your best costume and come join the fun! If you would like to volunteer to help with game

booths, provide a trunk, or help with supplies (food/snacks, candy for trunks, door prizes), please sign up in the church office or contact Claire at 692-2282.

YOUNG AGES PRESCHOOL'S FALL KRINGLE FUNDRAISER—OCTOBER 4th – 22nd

These delicious pastries available in Almond, Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Cherry Cheese, Chocolate Pecan, Cinnamon Roll, Cream Cheese, Pecan, Raspberry, Turtle, make great Thanksgiving desserts and Christmas gifts. They freeze well and only take a few minutes to heat up as they are fully cooked. They are \$15.00 each and will be delivered, fresh, the week before Thanksgiving. Payment is due at the time the order is placed and all orders are due by Monday, October 22nd. Samples will be available after the service today, October 21st. Our goal this year is to sell 400 Kringles. At that number, all shipping is free and all the funds raised can be used for purchasing new toys for the classroom, comfortable seating for our Reading Centers, and educational items for our Science Centers. Please help us reach our goal so that we may continue to offer these yummy danishes for years to come. Thank you for supporting Young Ages Preschool!

Prayers of a Steward

Our Next Sermon Series Begins October 28th

October 28 *Prayers of a Steward: Handed Over to Me*

November 4: *Prayers of a Steward: With the Saints*

November 11 *Prayers of a Steward: But Who Am I?*

Young Disciples: Grades K-5

Sunday Evenings:
Young Disciples @ 5:45-7:00 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. 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.



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 and Friday From First are e-newsletters 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 during the week, and on Fridays there is an update from Dr. Bender on what is happening on Sunday. 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 in print and audio format on our website: 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



Common Ground
Recovery Ministry

Adult peer support groups that meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 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

COATS FOR KIDS Sunday, October 21

Help Wanted: Mark your calendars for today, October 21, 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Coats for Kids Committee will need help sorting and counting the coats that were purchased in January.

OCTOBER MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sunday, Oct. 21st:

Membership at 5:00 pm, Rm 405

Tuesday, Oct. 23rd:

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, Oct. 22nd.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD Wednesdays

During the months of October and November, worship at The Neighborhood will center on the "Hall of Faith" characters found in Hebrews 11. Come praise God, engage with scripture, and share in community each Wednesday night in the Fellowship Hall, beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:00 pm.

SHERI SUTTON BOOK SIGNING Sunday, October 28

Join Sheri Sutton on Sunday, October 28th, in the Church Library between 9:15-10:45 am for a book signing of her newest release, *40 Days, A Journey of Prayer*. Books will be available for \$15.

CCSW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Friday-Sunday, Nov. 2-4 Central Christian Church, Austin, Texas

The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in the Southwest will be hosted by Central Christian Church in Austin, Texas, on the weekend of November 2-4, 2018. All congregations are encouraged to make plans to be represented at this event for educational opportunities and to be a part of making decisions about the restructure of the Southwest Region. Saturday's schedule will include a selection of workshops for both laity and clergy as well as the Southwest Region business meeting. Regional Assembly 2018 updates will be posted on the website so bookmark that page (ccsw.org/ra2018) to find the latest info.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 21, 2018

8:40—Worship Chapel
9:30—Sunday School Chapel
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Bible Study Parlor
10:45—Worship Sanctuary
3:00—Coats for Kids sorting coats Sanctuary
3:45-5:00—Chancel Ringers (Adults) Stratten Hall
4:30—CGRM Advisory Committee Meeting Room 306
5:00—Membership Ministry Meeting Room 405
5:00-5:45—Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5) Stratten Hall
5:00-7:00—Chi Rho (Grades 6-8) & CYF (Grades 9-12) Room 403
5:45-7:00—Young Disciples (Grades K-5) Room 402

Monday, October 22, 2018

Young Ages School's Kringle Fundraiser Ends
7:30-6:00—Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)
9:00-12:00—Young Ages School "YAS" (M-F)
9:00—CCF Music Room 220
10:45—FCC Staff Meeting Room 222
6:00—New Member Dinner Parlor
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

7:30-12:00—CCF & YAS Pictures Parlor
10:00—YAS Music (Tu & Wed) Room 220
2:00—Library Committee Library
6:00—Executive Council Meeting Room 310
6:30—Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
Anger Management Room 309 Parenting Rooms 305 & 306
Rebuilding from Broken Relationships Room 307

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 405 & Chapel
9:00—CCF Chapel Chapel
9:00-12:00—YAS Pictures Parlor
10:30—Sherri Sutton's Fall Bible Study Room 310
5:30-6:00—Neighborhood Meal Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00—The Neighborhood Worship Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00—First Kidz (Grades Pre-K-5) Room 402
7:00-8:00—Youth Church Row (Grades 6-12) Room 403/Gym
7:00-9:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall

Friday, October 26, 2018

9:00—CCF Spanish Room 220
5:30—CMF's MSU Mustang Meals Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Stewardship Campaign Kickoff
8:40—Worship Chapel
9:15-10:45—Sheri Sutton's Book Signing Library
9:30—Sunday School Chapel
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Bible Study Parlor
3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities Parlor
4:00—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Eagle Court of Honor Chapel & Parlor
6:00-8:00—Trunk or Treat Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot



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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