

WE GATHER

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Mark Bender

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Passing of the Peace[†]

*Gathering Music

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

*Call to Worship Josh deSteiguer

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer.

*Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King* No. 699

*Invocation Josh deSteiguer

*Gloria Patri

**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 John 18:33-37 Claire Baer
Pew Bible p. 113

Children's Message Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Dr. Mark Bender

**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 Chancel Choir
Crown Him with Many Crowns – arr. Schraeder

Sermon *For This...* Dr. Mark Bender

WE RESPOND

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 97

Communion Invitation Howard Morris

Elders' Prayer Dwight Ross III & Robert Hernandez

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

Soon and Very Soon – arr. Schraeder

*Doxology

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 Dr. Mark Bender

*Closing Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign* No. 95

*Benediction Josh deSteiguer

Postlude Debbie Watson

*If you are able, please stand

** Gluten-free wafers are available in each bread tray. A few cups of water are in the cup tray for those on sugar-free diets.

†As part of our Table-centered spirituality, the "peace of Christ" is offered as a sign of our reconciliation to God and neighbor. It is a visible symbol of our being "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world," preparing us to "welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."

Memorials and Honors

In Memory of Robin Street given by Sam Maynor.

In Memory of Barbara Mitchell (mother of Debbi Schmidt and sister of Juanita Pratt) given by Sherry Tucker, Sam Maynor, Harvey & Sherry Martin.

The cornucopia this morning is given by Ann Hunter in memory of her parents, Polly and Aubrey Cox, and in appreciation of friends.

Sermon Notes

1. The debate about Christmas music

2. Pilate's Interview

3. Nature and function, not place

4. Light, food, and healing

5. What is truth?

6. What we are singing about...

Tea at Two on Tuesday

Bring your favorite tea cup for a gathering for women this Tuesday, November 27th, at 2:00 pm in the Church Parlor. There will be hot tea, tasty treats, and great conversation. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend or neighbor!

Advent Workshop

Join us on Sunday, December 2nd, for our Annual Advent Workshop from 5:00–7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. What a better way to kick off the Advent season than gingerbread houses, Christmas crafts and delicious food? This warm and creative family event is the perfect way to begin our journey to Bethlehem.

Advent Bible Study

Join Sheri Sutton as she leads a four-week Bible study on *"The Gift of the Nutcracker"* by Matt Rawle beginning this Wednesday, November 28th, in Room 310 at 10:30 am. Call the church office to register. Books are available in the Church Office.

Christmas Goes to the Movies at The Neighborhood

Come worship at The Neighborhood on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as Christmas Goes to the Movies. On Wednesdays, November 28, December 5 & 12, three Christmas movies will inform our thinking and our discussion of the Advent/Christmas season.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 25 - THANKSGIVING OFFERING		
8:40 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30am	Sunday School	
9:45 am	Journey Through Scripture Bible Study	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
NO	Chancel Ringers (Adults)	Stratten Hall
NO	Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00-7:00 pm	Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:45-7:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5) Thanksgiving	Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 26		
7:30-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00-12:00 pm	Young Ages School "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 220
10:00 am	CWF Service Day: Preparing the Wreaths	Room 310
10:45 am	FCC Staff Meeting	Room 222
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 27		
10:00 am	YAS Music (Tues. & Wed.)	Room 220
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding from Broken Relationships	Rooms 305/306/307/309
Wednesday, November 28		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405/Chapel
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Advent Bible Study	Room 310
12:00 pm	CWF Group 2	Room 405
5:30-6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	First Kidz (Grades Pre-K-5th)	Room 402
7:00-8:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00-9:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, November 29		
Friday, November 30		
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 220
Saturday, December 1		

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Welcome

Thank you...

For joining us today. We are glad to see you and to join in worship with you.

Here at First Christian Church, our vision is:

To provide a church in Wichita Falls where there is appreciation for differences in beliefs so that families can be united in Christ. Therefore, we promote spiritual growth with intellectual challenges, emotional support through small group activities, and opportunities to serve one another in the larger community.

We would love to help you take the next step in your own search for...a church home...deeper spiritual growth...significant community...meaningful service.

Several things for you to know:

- **Nursery** for children age 3 and under is available in Room 209. While there, your child will learn about God through storytelling, play, and music.
- Children age 4 through Second Grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the Children's Message. This age-appropriate worship and fellowship experience takes place in Room 213, where your child learns about faith through storytelling and art projects. You can pick up your child in Room 213 at the conclusion of worship.
- **Hearing devices** are available. A member of the Diaconate would be happy to assist you.
- **Audio CDs** of the service are available by calling the church office. You may also download messages from our website or pick up printed transcripts in the Narthex of the Chapel and Sanctuary.
- The volunteers at the **Welcome Center**, located in the Narthex, are here to answer your questions about First Christian Church, and to assist you in making connections.

To find out more about First Christian Church, visit us at www.firstchristianwf.com.



Young Disciples—Grades K-5

Sundays | 5:30-7:00 pm | Room 402

First Kidz—Grades K-5

Bible Study, activities, fellowship, and games

Wednesdays | 6:00-7:00 pm |

Come As You Are—Grades 6-12

Sundays | 5:00-7:00 pm | Room 403

After the Neighborhood... - Grades 6-12

Wednesdays | 7:00-8:00 pm | Room 403



Tuesdays | 6:30 pm

Adult peer support groups: Parenting, Anger Management, Rebuilding from Broken Relationships

Contact Rev. Margaret Scales



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