

## THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements Claire Baer

\*Call to Worship Claire Baer

God whose love is pouring over us, welcomes us here today.

**Praise be to God!**

God whose healing power is ready to bind up our wounds, welcomes us here today.

**Praise be to God!**

God whose transforming presence offers us hope and peace, welcomes us here today.

**Praise be to God who loves, heals and restores us.**

\*Opening Hymn No. 25

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5*

\*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.**

## THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Job 2:1-10 Claire Baer  
*Pew Bible p. 454*

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.**

Anthem *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You – Althouse* Chancel Choir

Sermon *When Bad Things Happen* Dr. Mark Bender

## THE REPOSE

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*Passing of the Peace<sup>†</sup>

\*Communion Hymn *Take Our Bread* No. 413

Communion Invitation Alice Gordon

Elders' Prayer Ricky Scales & Howard Morris

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 *Down By the Riverside* – arr. McDonald Chancel Choir

\*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

## THE SENDING

\*Invitation to Discipleship Dr. Mark Bender

\*Closing Hymn *Be Still My Soul* No. 566

\*Benediction Dr. Mark Bender

\*Response to Benediction (*congregation singing*)

***Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and not be afraid.***

***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,***

***and he will be my savior.***

Congregational Meeting

\*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.

<sup>†</sup>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 Shirley Harris given by Jim & Cathy Biggs, Larry & Treva Spradley, Richard & Margaret Phillips.

In Memory of Madra Marrs (mother of Susan Marrs) given by Jim & Cathy Biggs, Nick & Linda Gipson, Fred & Jane Ridenour, Kerry & Sharon Roach.

### Sermon Notes

1. Two too soon

2. Divine Puppeteer or Divine Stage Director?

3. Nevertheless, he persisted...

4. God in the whirlwind

5. Becoming strong

### Congregational Meeting

Today, January 13<sup>th</sup>

In the Sanctuary

Immediately following the 10:45 service

### New Church Board Meeting

Today, January 13<sup>th</sup>

In the Sanctuary

Immediately following the Congregational Meeting

### Fellowship Luncheon Honoring

**Our Volunteers**

Today, January 13<sup>th</sup>

In Fellowship Hall

Immediately following the Congregational Meeting

### The Gathering

If you've been looking for a time to gather with church friends to enjoy Bible Study and shared community but you're not a morning person, than we have a deal for you! The Gathering meets on Sunday evenings at 5:15 pm to visit and be spiritually fed (and we will feed your tummy too!) as Dr. Bender leads a study on *10 Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe*. This exciting new journey will begin on January 13, 2019, in the Parlor. While geared towards young adults (single or married) and parents of young children, all are welcome. [From 5:00-7:00 pm, Young Disciples (Grades K-5) meet for choir and youth activities. Children under 5 meet to play and experience coming to church with their families].

## CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13		
8:40 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:45 am	Journey Through Scripture Bible Study	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:10 pm	"New" Church Board Meeting	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Fellowship "Volunteer" Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
3:45-5:00 pm	Chancel Ringers (Adults)	
5:00-5:45 pm	Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5)	
5:00-7:00 pm	Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:15-7:00 pm	The Gathering (Adults)	Parlor
5:45-7:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, January 14		
7:45 am-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
10:30 am	Christian Women's Fellowship Board Meeting	Room 310
11:45 am	Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Stretch Class	Gym
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 15		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting	Room 222
10:00 am	YAS Music (Tues & Wed)	Room 220
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:00 pm	Education Ministry Meeting	Room 405
6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 305/306/307/309
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 222
Wednesday, January 16		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405/Chapel
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
2:00-8:30 pm	Vision Team Meeting	Room 310
5:30 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 to 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, January 17		
9:00 am	CWF Group 3 Birthday Breakfast	IHOP on SW Pkwy
1:30 pm	Knit Wits	Parlor
Friday, January 18		
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 220
Saturday, January 19		
8:30-12:00 pm	Elder Orientation	Room 405

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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](http://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 | Room 402

**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 Your Life

Contact Rev. Margaret Scales

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sunday, January 13, 2019