

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Passing of the Peace

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,

Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,

Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

*Call to Worship Claire Baer

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.

Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

*Opening Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 56

*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 Reading Mark 1:29-34 Rev. Josh deSteiguer
Pew Bible N.T. p. 35

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.

Anthem *There is a Balm in Gilead* -- arr. Helvey Chancel Choir

Sermon *She Got Up and Served* Dr. Mark Bender

THE REPOSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion Hymn *Come, Share the Lord* No. 408

Communion Invitation Ricky Scales

Elders' Prayer Howard Morris & Linda Cook

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 Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Offertory *Ho, Everyone Who Thirsteth* -- Harris 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 Rev. Josh deSteiguer

*Closing Hymn *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* No. 453

*Benediction Dr. Mark Bender

*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

The flowers this morning are given in honor of our wonderful mom, Jodi Bender, by Chelsea and Abby.

COVENANT

As members of the Christian Church,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in God's covenant of love which binds us to God and to one another.

Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church we receive the gift of ministry and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the One whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory, and honor be to God forever. Amen.



The Ministerial Staff of First Christian Church welcomes the opportunity to pray for your request and would like to share your request with our Elders. If possible, please obtain the person's permission to share their name with us.

YOUR NAME

YOUR PHONE NUMBER

NAME OF PERSON TO PRAY FOR

PRAYER REQUEST:

Check here if this request may be shared with the Elders

CONNECTION CARD

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Whether you are a member or a guest, please fill out the registration form below and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed.

ADULT'S NAME _____

ADULT'S NAME _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE _____

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ADDRESS (if new or changes to our file) _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

GUEST OF _____

HOME CHURCH _____

I am/(We are):

- Member(s) Regular Attendee(s)
 First Time Returning Guest(s)
 Guest(s) Out-of-Town Guest(s)

I would like to:

- Learn more about First Christian Church
 Become a member
 Receive FCC Weekly Email
 Make _____ Lunch/Dinner Reservations

**PLEASE PLACE IN
THE OFFERING PLATE**

Christian Women's Fellowship Indoor Picnic & Music Gala May 13th

The May CWF Luncheon will be Monday, May 13th, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The luncheon & program will be an Indoor Picnic & Music Gala. Come enjoy the food, fellowship and lots of music and fun. Invite your friends – \$5 per person.

Graduate Sunday May 19th

God bless our graduates! On May 19th at our 10:45 worship service, our high school graduates will process in their caps and gowns and then we will share their past and their plans and dreams for the future with a special video presentation at the church-wide Graduate Luncheon at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

We will also recognize during worship those in our church family who are graduating from college, graduate school, or a professional school. If you have a graduate in your family, please call Susan in the church office, so that we can add the name to our list.

Please make your reservations for the Graduate Luncheon on the attendance tear-off form or by calling the church office. Cost for the meal will be by donation.

Registration Now Open



**Rolling River Rampage VBS
July 15-19**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ages 4 years old-5th Grade

Register at:

<http://www.firstchristianwf.com/vacation-bible-school-registration/>

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.



Grow in Grace Choir—Grades K-5
Sundays | 5:00–5:45 pm | Stratten Hall

Young Disciples—Grades K-5
Sundays | 5:45–7:00 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 from Your Life
Contact Rev. Margaret Scales
940.337.1712 or cgrm@firstchristianwf.com



First Christian Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Sermon Notes

1. The bird flu staff meeting

2. He had a family

3. Raised...served

4. Word travels fast

5. A living pattern

**Young Ages Preschool
End-of-Year Program**

We would like to invite you to our End of the Year Program and 'Moving on Ceremony' on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The children have worked very hard on their "Old MacDonald had a Farm" program. Young Ages Preschool will continue enrollment for 2019-20 school year throughout the summer just call 692-3640 for more information.

May Meetings

Tuesday, May 14th:

- **Evangelism** at 6:00 pm, Rm 405
- **Membership** at 6:00 pm, Parlor
- **Property** at 6:00 pm, Rm 310
- **Outreach** at 6:00 pm, Library
- **Worship** at 7:00 pm, Rm 222

If you will need childcare, please RSVP to the church office, 692-2282, by noon on Monday, May 13th.

**Are You Ready For Some Church
Softball...Or Kickball???**

We've heard rumors that some young couples are interested in forming FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH softball and/or kickball teams to play in the city leagues. If you're interested, send your contact info to Ann Hunter:

ann@firstchristianwf.com

in the church office by the end of May because the city leagues are now forming for the summer seasons. They're offering men's church league softball, coed softball and adult kickball. We'll need your name, e-mail address and cell phone number for the roster...and call church "athletic director" Jerry Johnson with questions at 940-704-1471.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day		
8:40 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:45 am	Journey Through Scripture Bible Study	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Chancel Ringers (Adults)	Stratten Hall
NO	Sunday Evening Activities	
Monday, May 13		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-Th)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	YAS Music (M-Tu)	Fellowship Hall
11:45 am	CWF Indoor Picnic & Musical Gala	Fellowship Hall
7:30 am	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 14		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting	Room 222
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool End-of Year Program	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 405
6:00 pm	Membership Ministry Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:00 pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Library
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, May 15		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405/Chapel
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 220
5:30-6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	First Kidz (Grades PreK-5 th)	Room 402
7:00-8:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403
7:00-9:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, May 16		
	YAS Last Day of School	
9:00 am	Christian Women's Fellowship Group 3 Birthday Breakfast	IHOP on SW Pkwy
1:30 pm	Knit Wits	Parlor
Friday, May 17		
	YAS Teacher In-Service Day	
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 220
Saturday, May 18		