

## THE GATHERING

Prelude		Debbie Watson
The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>		
Welcome and Announcements		Claire Baer
*Passing of the Peace <sup>‡</sup> <b><i>There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to hear the sin-sick soul.</i></b>		
*Call to Worship		Claire Baer
Come with your questions, come with your awe! <b>For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.</b> Come with your energy, come with your weariness! <b>For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets in this place.</b> Come with your sadness, come with you joy! <b>For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.</b>		
*Opening Hymn	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	No. 100
*Invocation		Claire Baer
*Gloria Patri		No. 36
<b><i>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.</i></b>		
<b>THE PROCLAMATION</b>		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 31 <i>Pew Bible O.T. p. 505</i>	Claire Baer
Children's Message		Claire Baer
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Josh deSteiguer
<b>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.</b>		
Special Music	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> – Malotte	John Siarris, solo
Sermon	<i>In The Worst Of Times</i>	Rev. Josh deSteiguer

## THE REPOSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER		
*Communion Hymn	<i>Here At Thy Table, Lord</i>	No. 384
Communion Invitation		Rick Appling
Elders' Prayer		Debbi Schmidt & Andy Wilson
Distribution of the Loaf and Cup <i>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>		
<b>I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.</b>		
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to Stewardship		Rev. Josh deSteiguer
Offertory		Debbie Watson
*Doxology		No. 46
<b><i>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.</i></b>		
*Offertory Prayer		
<b>THE SENDING</b>		
*Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Josh deSteiguer
*Closing Hymn	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	No. 566
*Benediction		Rev. Josh deSteiguer
*Postlude		Debbie Watson
<b>Guest Soloist</b>		
John Siarris, baritone, has recently graduated with his master's degree at Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music in Vocal Performance. Recently John has had the pleasure to join Red River Lyric Opera at Midwestern State University in which he will be performing Pilot in Little Prince. A frequent soloist with Cincinnati Opera, as well as Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, he is no stranger to the stage. This past year at CCM he has performed Pilot in the Bach's St Johns Passion, Dr. Talbot in Bolcom's Dinner at Eight, and Publio in La Clemenza di Tito by Mozart. Next semester John will be pursuing an Artist Diploma degree at CCM.		
*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

The flowers this morning are given by Stacey & David Strickland in celebration of our Wedding Anniversary.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

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**

### VBS Is This Week!



**Rolling River Rampage VBS**  
Ages 4 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

July 15-19  
Fellowship Hall  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

For more information, please contact Claire at 692-2282 or [claire@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:claire@firstchristianwf.com).

### Through the Bible in a Year Study

Will NOT meet in July.

### Generations of the Church

2019 August Adult Forum

During the Sunday School hour (9:30 am – 10:30 am) on Sundays, August 4, August 11, August 18, August 25, and September 1, all adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall to learn about the various generations that make-up First Christian Church. Come learn about the characteristics of these generations, their spiritual needs/desires, and how the church reaches or could better reach the members of these generations.

### Back to School Bash!

When: Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Lucy Park Swimming Pool  
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Come party with First Christian, Park Place Christian, and First Christian Church of Burkburnett as we bring the summer to a close. There will be food and fun for everyone!

## 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).



**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](mailto:cgrm@firstchristianwf.com)

# SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 14, 2019

**First Christian Church**  
Disciples of Christ

3701 Taft Blvd. | Wichita Falls, Texas 76308  
940.692.2282 | [www.firstchristianwf.com](http://www.firstchristianwf.com)

Sermon Notes

1.

---

---

2.

---

---

3.

---

---

4.

---

---

5.

---

---



**ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE VBS IS THIS WEEK!**

**July 15-19**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Ages 4 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

For more info, please contact Claire at: [claire@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:claire@firstchristianwf.com) or 692-2282.

## CALENDAR

Sunday, July 14		
8:40 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
5:00–7:00 pm	Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:45–7:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, July 15		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 16		
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	CCF "Kona Ice"	East Parking Lot
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 305/306/307/309
Wednesday, July 17		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405/Chapel
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Neighborhood Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:00–7:00 pm	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
Thursday, July 18		
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	CWF Group 3 Birthday Breakfast	IHOP in SW Pkwy
1:30 pm	Knit Wits	Parlor
Friday, July 19		
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 20		
6:30 pm	Bingo & Ice Cream Sundaes	Fellowship Hall



### Bingo & Ice Cream Sundaes

Get ready for some fun! Bingo and Ice Cream Sundae fun that is! Make plans to join us this coming Saturday, July 20, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Buckley, 781-6128.

### Sunday Worship Series!

Join us for this summer series over the book of Psalms! Sunday mornings at 8:40 am and 10:45 am.

July 14	Lament Psalms	August 11	Thanksgiving Psalms
July 21	Wisdom Psalms	August 18	Penitential Psalms
July 28	Imprecatory Psalms	August 25	Zion Psalms
August 4	Worship Psalms		