

## THE GATHERING

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

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Mark Bender  
\*Passing of the Peace<sup>†</sup>

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy had hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

\*Call to Worship Rev. Josh deSteiguer  
We come in shared acts of worship and praise to revere and honor our God.

**We gather as a community of faith, to marvel at the glory and majesty of God.**

We come to worship our trustworthy God, who is our true and only security.

**We gather as a community of trust, well known through experiencing God's love.**

We come to be blessed by God; to be still before our God in awed wonder at the daily miracles of God's grace and mercy which are offered to God's faithful people.

**We gather as a community of hope, because we know that as we are obedient and committed to our worship of God, that these actions brings delight to God.**

\*Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 464

\*Invocation Rev. Josh deSteiguer

\*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 Psalm 37:1-11 Dr. Mark Bender  
*Pew Bible O.T. p. 510*

Children's Message Rev. Josh deSteiguer

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.**

Special Music *O Divine Redeemer* — Gounod Sabatina Mauro

Sermon *Two Ways* Dr. Mark Bender

## THE REPONSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*Communion Hymn *I Come With Joy* No. 420

Communion Invitation Gary Ballard

Elders' Prayer Cal Edgemon & Emily Wilson

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 Debbie Watson

\*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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 97

\*Benediction Rev. Josh deSteiguer

\*Postlude Debbie Watson

### Guest Soloist

About our soloist: Sabatina Mauro is a mezzo-soprano from New York, studying at the University of North Texas under Dr. Stephen Austin. Most recently she has appeared in Janacek's *The Cunning Little Vixen* as The Dog, Mozart's *Così fan tutte* as Dorabella, and has worked in Dallas as the assistant stage manager for Lyric Stage's production of *Man of La Mancha*. This summer, Sabatina will make her debut as the title role in Rossini's *La Cenerentola* with Red River Lyric Opera, under the baton of Maestro Brian Holman.

Today's acolytes are Addy Wineinger and Ethan Earley.

\*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 Gordon T. West, Jr. given by Craig & Sheila Reynolds, Glenn & Linda Tole, Doug & Vicki Kunkle, Jim & Cathy Biggs, Frank & Glenda Tate.

## 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**

### 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 8:00 pm**

**Come party with**

**First Christian Church,  
Park Place Christian Church,  
and**

**First Christian Church of  
Burkburnett**

**as we bring the  
summer to a close.**

**There will be food and fun  
for everyone!**

### **Project Back to School and PowerPak 4 Kids Backpack Program**

School days are almost here! That means it is time for First Christian Church to support two very important local programs: Project Back to School and PowerPak 4 Kids that help nurture and nourish the children in our community. The deadline for donations is next Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support!

## 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

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 21, 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. I'd like to recommend...

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2. Wisdom defined

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3. Waving warning flags

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4. The material out of which faith is formed

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5. Telling your story

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### Project Back to School and PowerPak 4 Kids Backpack Programs

School days are almost here! That means it is time for First Christian Church to support two very important local programs: Project Back to School and PowerPak 4 Kids.

Project Back to School was created to ensure that no children in Wichita Falls begin school without the supplies they need. The program works to improve the educational success of disadvantaged students in our community. For about \$20, a student can receive grade-appropriate school supplies and a backpack, so as to start the school year ready to learn.

PowerPak 4 Kids was created by the Food Bank to help fill students' hungry stomachs over the weekends during the school year. Many children in the WFISD, who rely on free or reduced price lunches during the week, go home to little, or no, healthy foods over the weekend. PowerPaks 4 Kids are bags of nutritious and easy-to-prepare foods (such as peanut butter, fruit cups, cereal, trail mix, and more) that are handed discreetly to a child (usually placed in their backpacks) at the end of the school week.

The Outreach Ministry encourages our congregation to support both of these worthy programs that will help nurture and nourish the children in our community. The deadline for donations is Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Just indicate "Back to School" on the memo line of your check. We will divide all contributions evenly between the two programs. Thank you in advance for your support!

# CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21		
8:40 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	CGRM Advisory Team Meeting	Room 222
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 22		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 23		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting	Room 222
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 305/306/307/308
Wednesday, July 24		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405/Chapel
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 220
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
7:00 pm	Choir Room Paint Prep Day	Choir Room
Thursday, July 25		
Friday, July 26		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 220
Saturday, July 27		
9:30 am	Choir Room Paint Day	Choir Room

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

## MSU Students In Need

We are excited about helping the MSU college students in August in two ways! First, FCC will be helping with a campus "garage sale" for the new incoming students in need of setting up a home. Instead of giving them a basket with items we've placed, each student will be given a basket that they can pick items they specifically need: kitchen pots, pans, plates, glasses, flatware, spatulas; or bedroom needs like twin/full sheets, blankets, curtains, small lamps. Things you would need to set up an apt. The give-away will be Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, IF POSSIBLE, keep your items until Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have drop off information for you before that.

We also will be collecting non perishable food for the MSU Food Pantry toward the end of August. These ambitious students, some from the other side of the world, could use our help, and we look forward to helping them on their journey in our town. If you have any questions, contact Polly or Sally on the Outreach team.