

## THE GATHERING

Prelude *Acclamation in G Minor*—Thompson Chancel Ringers  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

***Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come.  
'Tis grace that brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home.***

\*Call to Worship Rev. Josh deSteiguer  
Rejoice in God!  
**We rejoice in our God who hears and answers our prayers.**  
Leave your worries here.  
**May we think on that which is good and true, honorable and just.**  
Come in peace!  
**We come in peace to praise and worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* No. 15

\*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 Philippians 4:4-9 Claire Baer  
*Pew Bible N.T. p. 198*

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 *Sanctus* — Haydn Chancel Choir  
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest!*

Sermon *Thinking Out of the Box* Dr. Mark Bender

## THE REPONSE

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*Communion Hymn *One Bread, One Body* — vs. 1 & 2 No. 393  
Communion Invitation Howard Morris  
Elders' Prayer Linda C. Carr & 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

Stewardship Moment  
Offertory *Sing Praise to God* — arr. McChesney Chancel Ringers  
\*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 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* No. 560  
\*Benediction Dr. Mark Bender  
\*Postlude Debbie Watson

The acolytes serving this morning are Jazmin Oviedo & Aubriana Esquibel.

\*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 H.P. "Bud" Rafuse given by White Realty Management Co.

The flowers this morning are given by Sally Hastings in memory of her parents, Joe & Norma Turner.

## OUR VALUES

We are:

- Firm in our Foundation
- Open in our Communion
- Generational in our Leadership
- Outward in our Influence
- Intentional in our Growth
- Caring in our Service

*\*As uncovered by the  
2019 Vision Team*

## DISCIPLES IDENTITY STATEMENT

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) proclaims Jesus as Lord, draws its inspiration from Scripture and the Holy Spirit, witnesses and serves among the whole human family, acknowledges that Christian unity and Christian mission are inseparable, and claims as its particular mission the quest for the reunion of the Body of Christ, celebrating weekly around the Lord's Table the life, death, resurrection and continuing presence of its Lord.

*- Kenneth L. Teegarden,  
20th-century Disciples General Minister  
and President*



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**



### Trunk-or-Treat

Please join us for our Trunk-or-Treat which will take place today, October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 pm in our church parking lot. If you would like to volunteer to bring/run a game or pass out candy from your trunk, please let Claire know immediately after the worship service.

### Coats for Kids

Coats for Kids elves will begin their work soon. You are encouraged to become an "elf". Mark the following dates on your calendar and help FCC provide coats for deserving children in the WFISD.

#### November 3 (Sunday)

3:00 pm, Sanctuary  
Sort the coats purchased after Christmas 2018

#### November 8 (Friday)

10:30 am, Chapel/Sanctuary  
Put coats on the pews for Blessing of Coats

#### November 10 (Sunday)

8:40 am, Chapel, and  
10:45 am Sanctuary  
Blessing of Coats

#### November 18-22 (Mon.-Fri.)

9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Keystone Classroom (Rm 306)  
Sort and deliver coats to the schools

### Pantry Sunday

for Interfaith Outreach  
Services will be next Sunday,  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Items for  
collection will be:  
**macaroni & cheese and  
cans of Spaghettios...any  
canned pasta.**

## 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

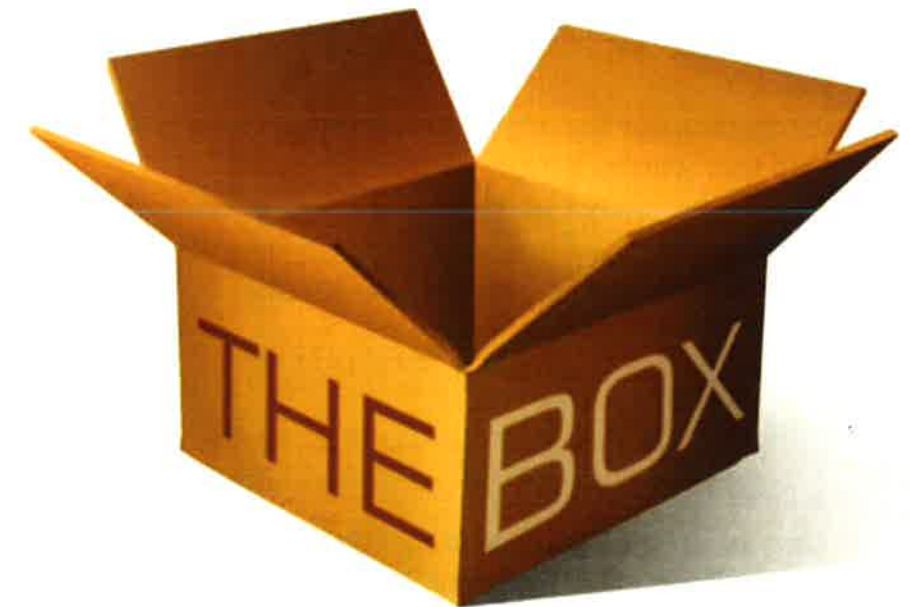
**Come As You Are**—Grades 6-12  
Sundays | 5:00–7:00 pm | Room 403

**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 Your Life  
Contact Rev. Margaret Scales  
940.337.1712 or [cgrm@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:cgrm@firstchristianwf.com)

# OUT OF



THE  
**JOY.**  
OF GIVING

## Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 27, 2019



**First Christian Church**  
Disciples of Christ

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### Sermon Notes

1. The joy of opening

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2. What are you known for?

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3. Whatever is...

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4. It's all about Jesus

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5. Learned and received

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#### Young Ages Preschool

**KRINGLE and COFFEE**

**Fall Fundraiser**

**Ends Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Kringles \$15.00 each

(Items will be delivered, fresh, the week before Thanksgiving)

We will have samples available after church today, October 27<sup>th</sup>!

There are 13 flavors to choose from:

Apple, Almond, Blueberry, Cinnamon Roll, Cherry, Cherry Cheese, Cranberry, Cream Cheese, Pecan, Pumpkin Caramel, Raspberry, Turtle and Wisconsin – a blend of cream cheese, cranberries and cherries.

Coffee \$13.00 for a 12 oz. bag

Freshly Roasted Specialty Coffees come whole, ground or K-Kups in a variety of blends and flavors. We also have a variety of Artisan Loose Teas, Cocoa and Chai's to choose from.

All orders, including payment, are due by Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for supporting YAS!

#### Thanksgiving Baskets

It's getting closer to Thanksgiving and time to start thinking about filling grocery sacks with turkeys and all of the trimmings, to help our Wichita Falls neighbors have a nice Thanksgiving meal. Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, November 23, as FCC goes out into the community to deliver approximately 100 Thanksgiving baskets! We will need lots of help! More information will be coming soon.



#### Children Come First Book Fair

October 25<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Come shop for Christmas gifts!  
We will have order forms and a payment box by our office.

## CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27 Stewardship Campaign		
8:40 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
NO	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
NO	Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
6:00-8:00 pm	Trunk or Treat	Parking Lot
Monday, October 28		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages School "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 29		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting	Room 222
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 220
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:00 pm	Called Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 305/306/307/308
Wednesday, October 30		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405/Chapel
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 220
9:15 am	YAS Halloween Program & Parties	Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
2:30-8:30 pm	Vision Team Meeting	Room 310
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
7:00-8:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, October 31 Halloween		
9:15 am	YAS Halloween Program & Parties	Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
3:15 pm	CCF Halloween Parties	Classrooms
5:00 pm	CCF Closing Early	
Friday, November 1		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 220
4:30 pm	Leave for Chi Rho Rally	Athens TX
Saturday, November 2		

### **Christian Women's Fellowship Ghostly Tea – October 31<sup>st</sup>**

*The most delightful benefit you never will attend  
For you don't have to be there, it's money that you send.*

*No food to prepare, no silver to polish,  
With this "ghostly" tea all work is abolished.*

Because everyone is so busy and it is difficult to coordinate schedules, we invite you to share in our Ghostly Tea instead of the Bi-annual Christmas Brunch. Money earned is used to support our church's activities. We hope you will choose to TREAT and not TRICK our group by making a donation to support our worthwhile projects. The Ghostesses of CWF will thank you for your generous participation by sending a **\$20 donation—or more** if the spirit moves you. We hope to hear from you on or before October 31, 2019.

**SUGGESTIONS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

I/We suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following persons be considered for submission to the Congregation for election to the Church Board for a three year term ending 12/31/2022. **(THOSE PERSONS-- EXCEPT FOR THE YOUTH--LISTED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM MAY NOT BE NOMINATED FOR ANY POSITION):**

TRUSTEE - One is to be elected. Please suggest only 1. \_\_\_\_\_

ELDERS - Six are to be elected. You may suggest any number up to 6.

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DIACONATE - Sixteen are to be elected. You may suggest any number up to 16.

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YOUTH DIACONATE - Six **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** are to be elected for a **one year** term. You may suggest up to 6.

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LIFE-TERM ELDER:

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LIFE-TERM DIACONATE:

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For more information you may contact the church office or one of the following members of the nominating committee: Mark Bender, Mark Turnbow, Sandra Ross, Eddie Tucker, Jane Ridenour, Susan Buckley, Ashley Burross, Cheryl Smiley, Cindy Hernandez. **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH!**

## CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH BOARD & THEIR TERMS

### Term Ending 12/31/2019

#### Trustee

Doug Kunkle

#### Elders

Cal Edgemon  
Alice Gordon  
Sally Hastings  
Robert Hernandez  
Dwight Ross III  
Debbi Schmidt

#### Diaconate

Elise Allen  
John Buckley  
Susan Buckley  
Karen Burross  
Terry Burross  
Sarah Cook  
John Cook  
Eric Hartman  
Sandy Hay  
Norma Hill  
Sherry Martin  
Mac Reid  
Chris Showalter  
Sally Wilson  
Keith Wineinger  
David Wyatt

### Youth Diaconate (Term Ending 12/31/19):

Davidson Cook  
Braelyn Crowe  
Hannah Earley

### Life Term Elders:

Melba Anastopoulos  
John Bridgman  
Rita Cason  
Diana Costello  
David Gately

### Life Term Diaconate:

Sara Anderson  
Rosie Bearden  
Ruth Beyer  
Gretchen Bridgman  
Peggy Fitts

### Term Ending 12/31/2020

#### Trustee

Kerry Roach

#### Elders

Rick Appling  
David Collins  
Woody Gossom  
Howard Morris  
Ricky Scales  
Emily Wilson

#### Diaconate

Debi Ballard  
Kim Ballard  
Larry Ballard  
Ashley Burross  
Kyle Burross  
Buddy Edgemon  
Alan Freeman  
Lynette Gill  
Linda Gipson  
Kris Gossom  
Scot Hafley  
Ann Kable  
Hollie Murphey  
Nancy Smith  
Curtis Sullivan  
Liz Thomas

Jaiden "JJ" Johnson  
Isabell Murphey  
Emily Thomas

Patt Giddings  
Ted Lauck  
Virgil Lee  
Sandrea Marvel  
Dorothy Montgomery

Carolyn Ford  
Helen Jackson  
Lou James  
Sam Maynor  
Lou Murdock

Sue Nunn  
Jean Puckett  
Dolly Sloan  
Glorie Steele  
Ann Watkins

### Term Ending 12/31/2021

#### Trustee

Glenn Tole II

#### Elders

Gary Ballard  
Linda C. Carr  
Linda Cook  
Kathleen Lauck  
Sherry Tucker  
Andy Wilson

#### Diaconate

Teresa Archambo  
Brandi Brannon  
Shirley Craft  
Philip Dudenhoefter  
Catherine Earley  
Fred Gentry  
Ronnie James  
Melody Jennings  
Jim LaValley  
Karen LaValley  
Margaret Phillips  
James Poole  
Fred Ridenour  
David Strickland  
Stacey Strickland

Judy Muir  
Roma Prassel  
Frank Tate  
Pat Thacker  
Marilyn Vaughn

Mary Beth Wyatt