

THE GATHERING

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

Welcome and Announcements Claire Baer
Passing of the Peace
***This this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.***

*Call to Worship Rev. Josh deSteiguer
Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!
Darkness has been banished!
God's light of hope floods the earth
God's light comes to us all.
Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.
Prepare our hearts to receive this Light.

*Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 66

*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 Ephesians 3:1-12 Claire Baer
Pew Bible N.T. p. 193

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 *Arise, O God, and Shine* – Young Chancel Choir

Sermon *An Epiphanic Life* Dr. Mark Bender

THE REPOSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion Hymn *Break Thou the Bread of Life* No. 321
Communion Invitation Woody Gossom
Elders' Prayer Andy Wilson & Richard Phillips
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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* – arr. Hayes 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 *Ours the Journey* – vs. 1 & 4 No. 458
*Benediction Rev. Josh deSteiguer
*Postlude Debbie Watson

The acolytes serving this morning are Hailey Wilks & Zetty Anderson.

*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 E.D. Sartin given by Dave & Eva Whiting.

In memory of Ruby Swartz (sister of Margaret Phillips) given by Mark & Debbie Turnbow.

The flowers this morning are given in honor of Susan Buckley for her dedication in teaching the Discovery Sunday School Class.

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

C.R.A.S.E.

Civilian Response To Active Shooter Events

For Citizens, Businesses & Organizations

This event is presented by the Wichita Falls Police Department and is open to the public.

Saturday, January 18, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

This seminar provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills.

Christian Women's Fellowship

The **January CWF Luncheon** will be Monday, January 13th, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be the interview of Sandra Marvel by Cathy Biggs. The devotional will be given by Melody Jennings.

Reservations are not required and guests are welcome. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The CWF Board will meet at 10:30 am in Room 310 prior to the luncheon.

On Hold

Our support group for caregivers of all kinds, **On Hold**, will meet on Tuesday, January 14th, at 2414/2416 Barbados from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Just look for the ON HOLD sign out in front. This informal, come-and-go setting includes a light meal/ refreshments and conversation aimed at support and encouragement.

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

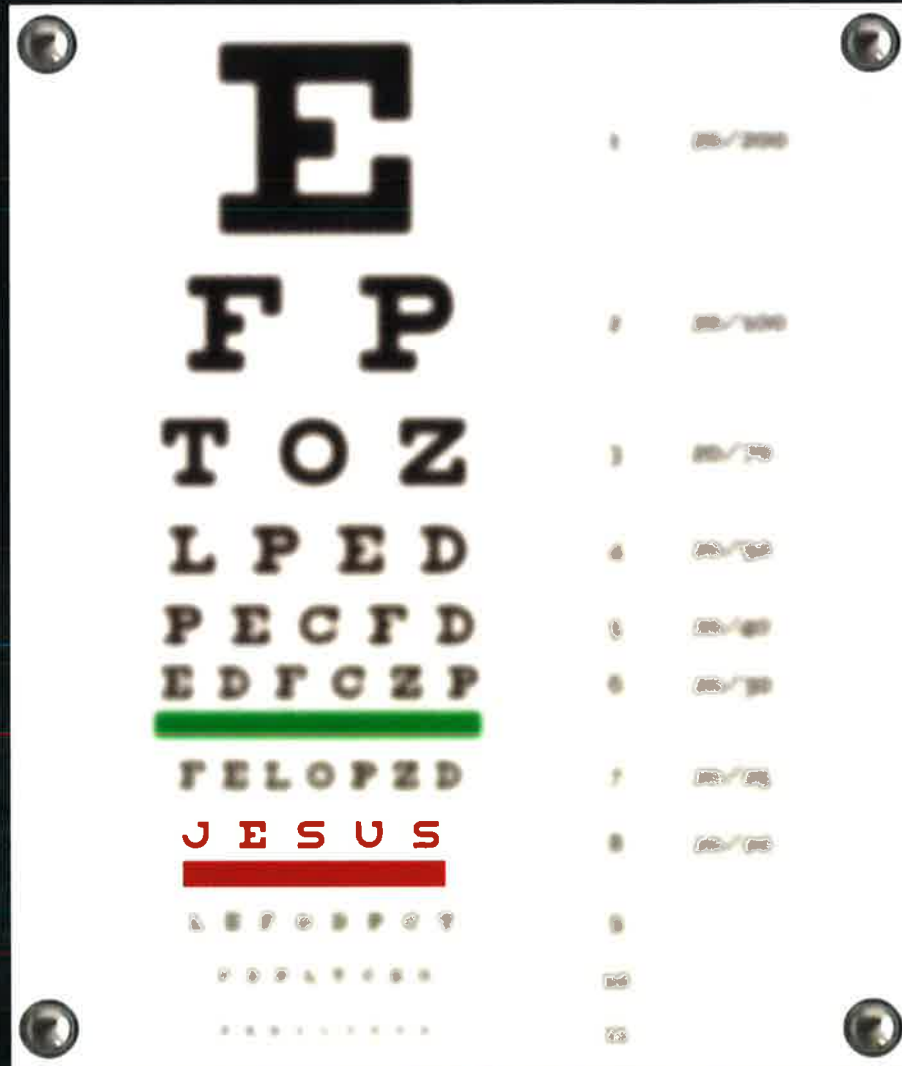
First Kidz—Grades K-5
Bible Study, activities, fellowship, and games
Wednesdays | 6:00—7:00 pm | Room 402

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: Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention
 Contact Rev. Margaret Scales
 940.337.1712 or cgrm@firstchristianwf.com



HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SEE JESUS CLEARLY IN 2020?

First Sunday After Epiphany

January 12, 2020



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

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Sermon Notes

1. An epiphany

2. But I digress...

3. The plan all along

4. Transmitters of grace

5. Letting God flow

January Meetings

Tuesday, Jan. 14th:

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

Tuesday, Jan. 21st:

Education at 6:00 pm, Rm 222

Stewardship at 6:00 pm, Rm 310

Evangelism at 7:00 pm, Rm 222

Tuesday, Jan. 28th:

Executive Council at 6:00 pm,
Rm 310

If you will need childcare, please RSVP to the church office, 692-2282, by noon on Mondays, Jan. 13th, 20th, & 27th.



Oh Deer
A BABY BOY IS ALMOST HERE!
Join us for a baby shower honoring
Elizabeth and Josh
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 FROM 2-4PM
PARLOR OF FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
*Hosted by Christian
Women's Fellowship*
REGISTERED AT BABYLIST.COM/
BABY-ELIZABETH-STITE-DESTEIGUER
ALTHOUGH CARDS ARE NICE,
THEY'RE READ ONCE OR TWICE.
A BOOK IS A TREASURE TO KEEP FOREVER.
So instead of a card to put aside, please give
the baby a book with your name inside.
By signing your book we will remember
and share, your special gift
even when you're not there.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12		
8:40 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:45 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
2:00-4:00 pm	deSteiguer Baby Shower	Parlor
2:00-4:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
2:30 pm	CGRM Advisory Committee Meeting	Room 222
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00-5:45 pm	Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
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, January 13		
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
10:30 am	Christian Women's Fellowship "CWF" Board Meeting	Room 310
11:45 am	CWF Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 14		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting	Room 222
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 220
11:30 am	"On Hold" Caregivers Support Group	2414/2416 Barbados
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
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, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 305/306/307/308
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 222
Wednesday, January 15		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405/Chapel
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 220
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 220
12:15 pm	YAS Staff Meeting	Room 310
5:30-6:00 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-5th)	Room 402
7:00-8:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00-8:30 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, January 16		
9:00 am	CWF Group 3 Birthday Breakfast	IHOP in SW Pkwy
1:30 pm	Knit Wits	Parlor
Friday, January 17		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 220
Saturday, January 18		
10:00am-12:00pm	"C.R.A.S.E." Active Shooter Awareness Training	Fellowship Hall