

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome and Announcements Claire Baer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Passing of the Peace[†]

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*Call to Worship Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away;

Now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

*Opening Hymn *O Worship the King* No. 17

*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Josh deSteiguer

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.

*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 Luke 15:1-32
Pew Bible N.T. p. 78

Anthem *Rejoice! I Found the Lost* – arr. Wold Chancel Choir

Children's Message Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Confession Dr. Mark Bender

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have

not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Mark Bender

Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and with all people.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Lost and Found* Dr. Mark Bender

THE REPONSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion Hymn *All Who Hunger* No. 419

Communion Invitation Andy Wilson

Elders' Prayer David Collins & Kerry Roach

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 Chancel Choir

With Songs of Rejoicing – Bach/Hopson

*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 *Amazing Grace* – vs. 1, 3 & 4 No. 546

*Benediction Rev. Josh deSteiguer

*Postlude Debbie Watson

The acolytes serving this morning are Lucy Anderson & Jazmin Oviedo.

*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 Phyllis Lewis given by Kati Lewis, Bonnie & Larry Fieldsend.

In memory of Mary Beth Wyatt given by Sam Maynor.

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**

Prime Timers Luncheon

Today, March 1st,
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

March Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, March 8th
12:00 noon

Program: Common Ground Recovery Ministries expansion through partnering with First Step. Speaking will be Patti Mallow, First Step Program Director and Sarah Fulfner, First Step Outreach Counselor and Leader of the new CGRM group—Domestic Violence Prevention. Make your reservations on the attendance form or by calling the Church Office.



On Sunday, March 8th!

Remember to set your clocks FORWARD one hour on Saturday night!

Upcoming Spring Activities

Add these upcoming Spring activities to your calendar dates:

March 29th
Camp Sign-up Sunday

April 5th
Fellowship Dinner & Easter Egg Hunt

April 5th-12th
Holy Week

April 18th & 19th
Youth Car Show & Youth Sunday

May 17th
Senior Sunday

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

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL RECEIVE MERCY. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR INWARD IS GREATER THAN THE SAME WAS SAID BY THE PROPHETS WHO SAID YOU ARE THE BUT CAN NO IS R

THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020

First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

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Sermon Notes

1. Personal mission statements

2. The issue with labels

3. Placing these stories in context

4. The danger of diluting "lostness"

5. The Gospel solves a problem; Christianity answers a question

Pastor's Class Starts March 1!

Pastor's class is a 6-week study for children 3rd-5th grade who desire to profess their faith and make a commitment to be a devoted follower of Christ through Baptism. During these 6 sessions, your child will learn along peers and seasoned congregation members the foundations of our faith and what it means to be a follower and disciple of Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Class will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning today, March 1, 2020, from 12:00-2:00 pm in Room 402. Lunch will be provided. See Claire for more information.

MSU Bible Study

meets on Thursday evenings,
from 6:00-7:30 pm
at Rapid Fire Pizza, 4730 Taft Blvd

Christian Women's Fellowship

The **March CWF Luncheon** will be Monday, March 9th, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be the interviews of Dorothy Montgomery by Kay Jackson and Phyllis Lewis by Linda Cook. The devotional will be given by Judy Muir. 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 Caregivers Support Group

Will meet on the third Tuesday of
each month at noon
at Olive Garden.

Please email Georgia Harrison,
gharrison@fumcwf.org, if you plan
to attend so that enough seats will
be reserved!

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1 Pantry Sunday		
8:40 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
NO	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Prime Timers Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
12:00-2:00 pm	Pastor's Class	Room 402
2:00-4:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
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
5:30 pm	Sunday Evening Bible Study	Room 310
Monday, March 2		
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, March 3		
7:00 am—7:00 pm	Primary Elections	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting	Room 222
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 220
11:00 am	Whirlwind Cluster Ministers' Meeting	Nocona TX
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
Wednesday, March 4		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405/Chapel
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 220
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 220
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Lent Bible Study	Room 310
5:30-7:00 pm	The Neighborhood Meal & 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, March 5		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
1:30 pm	Knit Wits	Parlor
6:00-7:30	MSU Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
Friday, March 6		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 220
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Saturday, March 7		