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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 7, 2021

THE GATHERING

Prelude *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Debbie Watson
This hymn, originating in the 19th century from a Scottish clergyman, is at once a plea for help and a reaffirmation of God's abiding presence in the midst of great pain or tragedy. The third verse is electrifying in its imagery. "O Joy, that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be."
– Chris Showalter

Welcome Dr. Mark Bender

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Opening Hymn *Hope of the World* – vs. 1 No. 538

***Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, your people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.***

Opening Prayer Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-22 Rev. Josh deSteiguer

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.

Special Music *Let Us Love One Another* – Sherman Chancel Choir

Sermon

Broken Down

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Linda C. Carr

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Cheryl Smiley & Dr. Larry Spradley

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Closing Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other – vs. 1

No. 487

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.***

Benediction

Jeanette Showalter

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Carolyn Ford given by Judy Muir, John Bridgman, Dale Harvey.

In memory of Mary K. Carroll Biggs given by Kenny & Susan Mayo, John Bridgman, Carolyn Crockett West, Jane Carnes.

In memory of Lou James given by Open Door Class.

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Sermon Notes

1. Solomon Islands ban

2. The last 10 years

3. Aliens "without"

4. God's purpose in history

5. A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7 Pantry "SOUPer Bowl" Sunday		
8:40 am	Drive-In Worship Service	East Parking Lot
9:30 am	Sunday School	In Person & Zoom
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary/ Livestream
5:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
NO	Young Disciples	Room 402
Monday, February 8		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
8:55-10:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00 am-12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, February 9		
9:30 am	Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310/Zoom
10:00-11:00 am	YAS Music (Tu/Wed)	Room 300
6:00 pm	Membership & Fellowship Ministry Meeting	Zoom
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Zoom
6:00 pm	World Outreach & Community Services Ministry Mtg	Zoom
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
7:00 pm	Worship & Fine Arts Ministry Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, February 10		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, February 11		
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
7:30 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
Friday, February 12		
8:55-10:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	Mary K. Carroll-Biggs Internment	Crestview Cemetery
Saturday, February 13		
	Winter in the Pines (Grades 1-12)	Athens TX
2:00 pm	Mary K. Carroll-Biggs Memorial Service	Sanctuary

A new worship series at
The Neighborhood

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Sanctuary Flowers

There are open dates for Sanctuary flower donations! If you would like flowers displayed in the Sanctuary worship service in honor or in memory of a loved one or group, please contact Sherry Tucker at 940-696-2490.

Participate in a Ministry of the Church in 2021!

You make a difference! The gifts you bring, combined with the power of Christ at work within us, enable First Christian Church to accomplish more than we can ask or image (Ephesians 3:20). Therefore, each member of the congregation is encouraged to participate in one or more of the ministries that further the church's mission, both on our front doorsteps and to the ends of the earth.

No prior experience is required. All that is needed is a passionate willingness to further the ministry of the church. Indicate where you would like to serve by checking the box beside one or more of the ministries below.

COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

- Cindy Hernandez, Chair

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- Chris Showalter & Robert Hastings, Co-Chairs

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- Ashley Burross, Chair

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- Susan Buckley, Chair

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- Rick Appling, Chair

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- Jerry Johnson & Eddie Tucker, Co-Chairs

WORLD OUTREACH & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Kim Ballard, Chair

WORSHIP & FINE ARTS

- Stacey Strickland, Chair

NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE: (Home) _____

(Cell) _____

(Work) _____

If you plan to stay on the same Ministry as you served on in 2020, please still fill out this form and return it so that we may also confirm phone numbers and email addresses, otherwise you may be removed from the 2021 Ministry listing. THANK YOU!!!

Don't forget..Church Board Members are expected to serve on a Ministry and if a form is not received they may be drafted to a Ministry.