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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 8, 2021

### THE GATHERING

Prelude Sally Wilson

Welcome Dr. Mark Bender

*Please let us know you're here by texting FCC to 77411.*

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Claire Baer

Opening Hymn No. 150

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"***

***Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"***

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***

***Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.***

***Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.***

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***

***Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!***

***Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings,  
mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,***

***born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth***

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***

Opening Prayer Claire Baer

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Tim Williamson

Colossians 3:12-17

Children's Message Claire Baer

Sending Response

Congregation: **The Lord be with you as you worship.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Pastoral Prayer and 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

*I Believe* – Mark Miller

Teresa Archambo, soprano;

Ed Hefti and Andrew Brinkman, alto saxophones

Sermon

*Dress Code*

Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

*Come, Share the Lord* – vs. 1 & 2a

No. 408

***We gather here in Jesus' name,  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.  
No one is a stranger here everyone belongs;  
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.  
He joins us here, he breaks the bread,  
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Dwight Ross III

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Richard Phillips & Sandra Ross

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 & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

*Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant* – vs. 1, 2 & 3

No. 490

***Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you:  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.  
We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey thro'.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Sally Wilson

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**MEMORIALS AND HONORS**

In memory of Dana Allison given by Doug & Vicki Kunkle, Mark & Joanne Zellner.

The flowers this morning are given by Nick & Linda Gipson celebrating their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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**Sermon Notes**

1. New beginnings

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2. Christmas in...August

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3. An extraordinary starting point

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4. A wardrobe that stands out

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5. Why we need the CIA

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## CALENDAR

Sunday, August 8		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
1:00 pm	WFISD Prayer Walk at All Campuses	Fain & Zundy Elementary Schools
2:00-4:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
5:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, August 9		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:30 am	CCF Board Meeting	Room 310
5:30 pm	CCF Parent Orientation	Fellowship Hall
5:45 pm	CCF Meet the Teacher	Classrooms
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 10		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:00 pm	Membership Ministry Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
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 Ministry Meeting	Scout Hall
Wednesday, August 11		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Gym
3:30-5:00 pm	CCF Movie	Room 300
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
Thursday, August 12		
	First Day of School for WFISD	
7:30 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
Friday, August 13		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, August 14		

### 2021 WFISD Prayer Walk for Schools

Join us, as well as churches from all over Wichita Falls, to cover our schools in prayer! First Christian Church will be going to Fain and Zundy Elementary Schools today at 1:00 pm for a time of prayer. You are welcome to go to any WFISD location! There will be a designated person there to lead the prayer. We will simply gather together and spend a couple of minutes in prayer together.

### The Neighborhood

Wednesday Night Worship

5:30 pm Brown Bag Fellowship | 6:00 pm Worship | Fellowship Hall