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## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 26, 2021**

### **THE GATHERING**

Prelude Debbie Watson

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. 25

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – vs. 1, 4 & 5*  
***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.***  
***O my soul, worship the well-spring of health and salvation.***  
***All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.***  
***Join me in glad adoration.***

***Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,***  
***fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.***  
***Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,***  
***spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.***

***Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and races,***  
***all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.***  
***Let the Amen sound from God's people again.***  
***Gladly forever sing praises.***

Opening Prayer Jeanette Showalter

### **THE PROCLAMATION**

Scripture Reading Claire Baer

1 Thessalonians 5:12-25

Children's Message Claire Baer

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message. Following the Children's Message, children ages 4 years thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Children can be picked up at the conclusion of the service in Room 402 (by the gym).*

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

Chancel Choir and Laura Pease, oboe

*In the Shadow of Your Wings* – John Leavitt

Sermon

*The Christian And The Schools*

Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

*In Memory of the Savior's Love* – vs. 1 & 3

No. 405

***In memory of the Savior's love, we keep the sacred feast,  
where every humble, contrite heart is made a welcome guest.***

***In faith and memory here we sing the wonders of his love,  
and thus anticipate by faith the heavenly feast above.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Andy Wilson

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Ann Hunter & Cathy Biggs

Music during Communion

*In Moments of Quiet* – Johnson

Chancel Choir

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

*Precious Name* – vs. 1 & 2

No. 625

***Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.***

***Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name,  
O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.***

***Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;  
if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer.***

***Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name,  
O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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**MEMORIALS AND HONORS**

In memory of Clyde Markee given by Robert & Cindy Hernandez.

In memory of Mary Kay Dolberry given by Curtis Dolberry.

The flowers this morning are given by Andy & Emily Wilson in celebration of their 38<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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**Sermon Notes**

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2. A series of imperatives

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3. The standing orders of the church

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4. It's in our DNA

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5. An encouraging community

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**Trunk-or-Treat**

Halloween is quickly approaching, and that means Trunk-or-Treat is right around the corner! We will be partnering with First Presbyterian Church this year to host a Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat event on Sunday, October 24, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Cars will start at the First Christian Church Chapel entrance and travel through to the First Presbyterian parking lot with the drive-thru ending on Harrison.

If you would like to volunteer to decorate your car trunk and pass out candy to families as they drive through, please contact Claire at 940-692-2282 or [claire@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:claire@firstchristianwf.com). The more cars we have participating the more fun we will have!

# CALENDAR

Sunday, September 26 RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	First Things	Fellowship Hall
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, September 27		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00–10:00am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 28		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:00 pm	Executive Council 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
7:00-9:00 pm	Square Dance Lessons	Gym
Wednesday, September 29		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Fall Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
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
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, September 30		
Friday, October 1		
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
6:00-8:00 pm	First Friday at First	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, October 2		

## First Friday at First

We're kicking off some First Friday Fun at First Christian Church beginning this Friday, October 1, at 6:00 pm. The whole church is invited to a game night in our Fellowship Hall featuring board and table games.

A light snack supper will also be served so that you are properly energized to play games with your friends. Mark your calendars now and plan to join in the Friday fun this Friday, October 1, at 6:00 pm.

## VANCO Giving App



Download the new VANCO Giving App today! It's available on Google Play store or Apple App store! The VANCO Giving

App will be replacing the GivePlus Mobile app. After September 30, 2021 the GivePlus Mobile app will no longer be supported by Vanco. We appreciate your gifts to First Christian Church!

# RECONCILIATION MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING 2021



ISAIAH 56:1

# REVEALING GOD'S JUSTICE

*"The time is always ripe to do what is right."*

-REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AND OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

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Years ago, while walking to my predominately white middle school, I witnessed something that has been preserved in my memory for decades. Several yards ahead of me was Josette; a girl I barely knew. Although her skin color was the same as the majority of the students, her appearance was drastically different from other female classmates. She wore long dark skirts, sweaters, heavy black brogans, and often kept a scarf tied around her head (not a burka or hijab). As we approached the schoolyard, I could hear a few boys yelling at her. As I got closer, I heard these words: "Go back to where you came from you nasty Jew!", "You're ugly!", "Nobody wants you here!" There were other unkind statements. Even though I didn't know what a Jew was, I knew that their actions were wrong. I looked ahead, pretending to not hear or see anything, and went straight to my class.

The prophet Isaiah admonishes God's beloved in Isaiah 56:1 to, "Maintain justice and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed." Frequently, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us that "The time is always ripe to do what is right". The message is clear: We are to do what is right with the time God has given us. It is a precious gift like the gift of reconciliation through Christ Jesus. How I wish I had the courage to take time to do what was right on Josette's behalf.

The Ministry of Reconciliation offers each of us the opportunity to "do what is right". Your giving supports diversity & inclusion efforts through leadership development in our colleges and provides grants to ministry partners to further the work of anti-racism. It creates opportunities to heal our brokenness by promoting relationship-building through our One Bag of Tea program and by equipping congregations to be advocates for racial justice in their communities.

Yes! The time is always ripe to reveal God's justice. Thank you in advance for your generosity to Reconciliation Ministry!

Gracefully Submitted by,

Karon Alexander

**Coats for Kids**  
*Mary Sue Winstead Memorial*

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of or Memory of (Please circle one if applicable)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgement (please circle one): Yes No

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**SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

I/We suggest to the Leadership Development Committee that the following persons be considered for submission to the Congregation for election to the Church Board for the two and three year terms ending 12/31/2023 and 12/31/2024.

**Three Year Term (1/1/22 to 12/31/24):**

**TRUSTEE** - One is to be elected for a 3-Year Term. Please suggest only 1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Two Year Terms (1/1/22 to 12/31/23):**

**ELDERS** - Nine are to be elected for a 2-Year Term. You may suggest any number up to 9.

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**DIACONATE** - Eighteen are to be elected for a 2-Year Term. You may suggest any number up to 18.

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**One Year Term (1/1/22 to 12/31/22):**

**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:**

**LIFE-TERM ELDER** – There is no numerical requirement in filling this position of honor for distinguished service as an Elder.

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**LIFE-TERM DIACONATE** – There is no numerical requirement in filling this position of honor for distinguished service as a Diaconate member.

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For more information you may contact the church office or one of the following members of the Leadership Development Committee: Dr. Mark Bender, Doug Kunkle, Linda C. Carr, Jim LaValley, Eddie Tucker, Debi Ballard, Susan Buckley, Ashley Burross, Cheryl Smiley, and Rick Appling, Committee Chair. **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26!**



## CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH BOARD & THEIR TERMS

### Trustees

<u>Term Ending 12/31/2021:</u>	Glenn Tole II
<u>Term Ending 12/31/2022:</u>	Nick Gipson
<u>Term Ending 12/31/2023:</u>	Mac Cannedy Jr.

### Elders

<u>Term Ending 12/31/2021:</u>				
Gary Ballard	Cathy Biggs	John Buckley	Linda C. Carr	Linda Cook
Sally Hastings	Kathleen Lauck	Sherry Tucker	Andy Wilson	
<u>Term Ending 12/31/2022:</u>				
Cindy Hernandez	Ann Hunter	Jerry Johnson	Richard Phillips	Kerry Roach
Dwight Ross III	Sandra Ross	Cheryl Smiley	Larry Spradley	

### Diaconate

<u>Term Ending 12/31/2021:</u>				
Teresa Archambo	Brandi Brannon	John Cook	Shirley Craft	Philip Dudenhoeffler
Fred Gentry	Ronnie James	Melody Jennings	Lauren Johnson	Jim LaValley
Karen LaValley	Margaret Phillips	James Poole	Fred Ridenour	Jane Ridenour
Stacey Strickland	Terry Walker	_____		
<u>Term Ending 12/31/2022:</u>				
Maggy Anderson	Jodi Bender	Twila Boydston	Marc Cannedy	Bob Carlton
Mary Carlton	Dave Clark	Leann Elder	Robert Hastings	Jaidyn "JJ" Johnson
Vicki Kunkle	Stacey Lingbeek	Sheila Reynolds	Mistie Seguire	Tyler Thomas
Julia Ward	Ashley Warton	Karen Watson		

### Youth Diaconate (Term Ending 12/31/21):

Davidson Cook	Hannah Earley	Christopher McKenzie	Isabell Murphey	Emily Thomas
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### Life Term Elders:

Melba Anastopoulos	John Bridgman	Diana Costello	Cathy Gately	David Gately
Patt Giddings	Jim Hay	Kenn Hill	Ted Lauck	Virgil Lee
Sandrea Marvel	Dorothy Montgomery	Judy Muir	Roma Prassel	Frank Tate
Pat Thacker	Linda Tole	Marilyn Vaughn		

### Life Term Diaconate:

Sara Anderson	Rosie Bearden	Peggy Fitts	Sam Maynor	Cherry Medina
Lou Murdock	Sue Nunn	Jean Puckett	Sharon Roach	Debbi Schmidt
David Wyatt	Vivian Zug			