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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – July 3, 2022

THE GATHERING

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

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome and Call to Worship Brooke Reid

Opening Hymn No. 725

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand – vs. 1, 2 & 4

*God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*

*Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;
lead us from night to never ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

Opening Prayer with Lord's Prayer Claire Baer

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.

THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Message Claire Baer

The Prayers of the Presidents

Introduction

George Washington – The First President

Hymn *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* – vs. 1 No. 721

*My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside let freedom ring.*

Abraham Lincoln – The Sixteenth President

Special Music Chancel Choir; Sarah Cook, Director
America the Beautiful – arr. Danner

Franklin D. Roosevelt – The Thirty-Second President

Hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* No. 85

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoever they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.*

A Prayer for the Nation (unison) No. 723

Almighty God,
you have given us this good land as our heritage.
Make us always remember your generosity.
And constantly do your will.
Bless our land with honest industry,
truthful education,
and an honorable way of life.
Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;
from pride and arrogance
and from every evil course of action.
Make us who came from many nations
with many different languages

a united people.
Defend our liberties and give those
whom we have entrusted with the authority of government
the spirit of wisdom,
that there might be justice and peace in our land.

THE RESPONSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn

Take Time to Be Holy – vs. 1 & 2
***Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;
forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.***
***Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.***

No. 572

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution
Prayers for the Bread & Cup
Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Harry Tonemah
Kerry Roach & Polly Toneman

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 OFFERING

Moment for Mission & Commissioning of the Youth Mission Team

Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory *Battle Hymn of the Republic* – arr. Ball Laura Pease & Debbie Watson, piano

*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

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn

This Is My Song
***This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;***

No. 722

*but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song; thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou god of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

Memorials and Honors

In memory of Gene, Frances Williams' brother by Vivian Zug

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Sermon Notes

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The Challenger is Going Digital

Beginning in July, the *Christian Challenger* will be moving to a primarily digital format. The same news and information you've come to expect every two weeks will soon be delivered to your email inbox. This new delivery format will enable you to receive this news in a timelier manner while also helping the church to be good stewards of its resources.

While the *Christian Challenger* will be moving to a *primarily* digital format, we will still print and mail a small number of *Challengers* every two weeks. We know there are those who are homebound or who have no/limited access to the internet. These individuals will continue to receive a printed version in the mail.

To make this transition as smooth as possible:

1. Make sure we have your current email address, and a current email address for every member of your family. Send an email to mail@firstchristianwf.com with your name and preferred email address and we'll confirm that we have you on our mailing list.
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CALENDAR

Sunday, July 3 PANTRY SUNDAY		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	Leave on Youth Mission Trip (July 3-8)	Texas City TX
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402 & 405
Monday, July 4		
	Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed	
Tuesday, July 5		
	Children Come First Closed	
10:00 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, July 6		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (W-F)	
9:00-am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
Thursday, July 7		
Friday, July 8		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café 2808 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, July 9		
10:00 am	Leave for a Family Afternoon with the Rangers	Arlington TX

July 4th Holiday!

Church Building, Offices &
All Programs will be
Closed on
Monday, July 4th

Children Come First
Will also be Closed on
Tuesday, July 5th

New Testament in a Year Sundays, July 10 & 17

For those reading through the New
Testament this year, our next
gathering to discuss the makeup of
the New Testament and what we're
reading will take place on Sundays,
July 10 & 17, at 6:00 pm, in the
Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study!

Friday, July 8

7:00-8:00 am,
Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy.

Stretch Class

Is on Summer Break
Until Wednesday, August 3

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