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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 21, 2022

THE GATHERING

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

Prelude (10:45) *The Lord's Prayer* - Malotte Teresa Archambo

Welcome and Call to Worship Brooke Reid

Opening Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* – vs. 1, 2 & 4 No. 22

***All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing;
Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam,
O silver moon with softer gleam, O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***O rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise God, Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice, O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, Alleluia! You who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. O praise God, O praise God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Opening Prayer Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35 Claire Baer

Children's Message Claire Baer

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.

Anthem *Canticle of Fellowship* – Courtney Chancel Choir

Sermon *Forgive As We Forgive* 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 Dr. Larry Spradley

Prayers for the Bread & Cup Bill Jennings & Chris Showalter

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 OFFERING

Moment for Mission Brooke Reid

Offertory *Grace* – Hayes Chancel Choir

*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 Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other* – vs. 1, 2 & 3 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.
Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.***

*Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.*

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

The flowers this morning are given by the Searchers Class in memory of classmates and loved ones that our members have lost this past year: Dr. Dwight Tuttle; Jim Hay; Jim & Karen LaValley's nephew, Doug Bonin; Ricky & Margaret Scales' nephew-in-law, Albert Chavez; Margaret Scales' mother, Betty Crick; Ed Robinson's grandson, Xavier Rodriguez; and Rick Appling's aunt, Sue Nunn.

Sermon Notes

1. That awkward moment in communal prayer

2. What is forgiveness?

3. Praying for all three

4. Whoever loves, knows... Whoever loves, gives...

5. A reorientation



Whether you are a parent just starting out with a family or have been at this a while and are riding out the teenage years, this six-week course aims to teach parents, grandparents, or other caregivers, the strategies and skills to create secure loving relationships with their children that result in healthy behavior and good decision-making.



Classes begin Sunday, September 18, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Learn more and register online: (<https://www.firstchristianwf.com/loveandlogic>).

Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon

Program: Faith in our Community Continued
Monday, September 12, 2022 - 11:45 am Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Brooke Reid,

FCC Director of Youth & Young Adults

Her topic will be "My Faith Journey That Led Me To This Community".

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 21		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Acolyte Training	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
5:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Maniac Mansion
5:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Maniac Mansion
6:00 pm	New Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall/ Zoom
Monday, August 22		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00 am	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" Staff Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troup 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 23		
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,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, August 24		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
9:30 am	YAS Staff CPR Training	Room 310
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
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
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403 / Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School - Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, August 25		
9:00 am-Noon	YAS Visitation Day	Classrooms
6:00 pm	College Bible Study	TBA
Friday, August 26		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Noon	Discovery Class Begins Hosting HHH Riders	Classrooms
Saturday, August 27		
5:00 pm	Discovery Class Ends Hosting HHH Riders	

Fall 2022 Bible Study

What's So Amazing About Grace? by Philip Yancey

"Grace is Christianity's best gift to the world, a spiritual nova in our midst exerting a force stronger than vengeance, stronger than racism, stronger than hate," writes Yancey in his book, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* But this grace is shocking. According to Jesus in Matthew 9:12-13, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Grace is something the world cannot duplicate and the one thing it craves above all else. Discover how to become a living answer to a world that desperately needs grace.

Join Sheri Sutton for this 7-week study beginning September 21, 2022 at 10:15 am. For in-person, gather in Room 310. Also, a Zoom option will be offered with the sign-in information available before the first session. In addition to the Participant's Guide, which is available in the church office for \$10.00, and to help lead our discussions, we will watch a 15-20 minute video presentation each session. Please call the church office at (940) 692-2282 to register.