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First Sunday of Epiphany – January 8, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – vs. 1, 2 & 4</i>	No. 66
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***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.***

***Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.***

***Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.***

Opening Prayer		Brooke Reid
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THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	Psalm 1	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 *Blessed Is The Man* – Marshall Chancel Choir

Sermon *Not Just About Me* Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* No. 419

***All who hunger, gather gladly, holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

***All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

***All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution David Collins

Prayers for the Bread & Cup Harry Tonemah & Polly Tonemah

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 Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* – arr. 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 Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* No. 433

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

***When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Carol Allred (mother of Ann Kable) given by Richard & Maggie Phillips, Doug & Vicki Kunkle.

In memory of Lita Watson given by Doug & Vicki Kunkle.

In memory of Annetta Vaccarella given by Melvin & Kim Shook.

In memory of Dr. John Muir given by Pat Thacker.

In memory of Johnny Costello given by Pat Thacker.

Sermon Notes

1. You ought to...

2. Tracing it back

3. From the beginning

4. The spiritual discipline of meditation

5. Your impact

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403 & Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402 & 405
6:00 pm	New Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Monday, January 9		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
5:30 pm	ComTech Ministry Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 10		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
6:00 pm	Membership Ministry Meeting	Room 222
6:00 pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Room 305
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 200
Wednesday, January 11		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
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 402/405
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, January 12		
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Manners Matter	Fellowship Hall
Friday, January 13		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café 2808 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, January 14		

New Testament in a Year – Jan. 8

Our final gathering to discuss the makeup of the New Testament and what we've been reading will take place today, January 8th, at 6:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

Participate in a Ministry of the Church in 2023!

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 – Responsible for bringing the church's values to life through a balance of inspiration and information, reinforcing with clarity the common vision of the church.

EVANGELISM – Chris Showalter, Chair - Responsible for conducting and engaging in efforts that reach and touch the lives of people with the love of God made known in Jesus Christ, empowering and encouraging members and guest to develop relational connections in which to share their faith, and overseeing and emphasizing the welcome and connection of guests.

FAITH FORMATION – Ashley Burross, Chair - Responsible for inviting individuals and small groups to embrace a "thoughtful" faith with theological depth and spiritual integrity, expanding their Christ-like discipleship through spiritual growth endeavors, and equipping families in nurturing and supporting the faith formation of children and youth.

MEMBERSHIP & FELLOWSHIP – Susan Buckley, Chair - Responsible for fostering a sense of community within the congregation by nurturing close and care relationships, promoting a spirit of fellowship, hospitality, and welcome, and engaging new and current participants in the life of the church.

PROPERTY – Rick Appling, Chair - Responsible for directing the use, development, and maintenance of the church's building and grounds, ensuring that the property and facilities are available, safe, and operational to support the programs and ministries of the church.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE – Jerry Johnson & Eddie Tucker, Co-Chairs - Responsible for overseeing and verifying the financial integrity of the church, providing leadership in the development, approval, and administration of all financial matters of the church, and fostering an understanding of the full meaning of Christian stewardship among members and guests.

WORLD OUTREACH & COMMUNITY SERVICE – Kim Ballard, Chair - Responsible for resourcing and involving members and guests in opportunities to give of themselves (through hands on experiences, support of ministry partners, and financial contributions) in ways that champion the church's mission to shepherd every person to encounter the abundant peace of Christ.

WORSHIP & FINE ARTS – Teresa Archambo, Chair - Responsible for working with the Senior Minister and Director of Music Ministries to oversee all matters related to the spiritual worship life of the church, providing meaningful opportunities to glorify God through adoration and praise with authenticity and theological integrity.

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If you plan to stay on the same Ministry as you served on in 2022, 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 2023 Ministry listing. **THANK YOU!!!**