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Transfiguration Sunday – February 11, 2024

THE GATHERING

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

Chimes

Prelude

Debbie Watson

Welcome

Dr. Mark Bender

Call to Worship

Dr. Mark Bender

Leader: God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence and holiness.

People: We are comforted by the hope of the mountaintop, where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory.

Leader: The mountaintop reminds us why we worship you. We witness your bright power and your plan for the nations of the earth.

People: As we prepare for worship, God bring us to the mountaintop so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.

Modified from a UMC General Commission Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

O Worship the King – vs. 1, 2 & 4

No. 17

***O worship the King, all glorious above,
and gratefully sing God's wonderful love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.***

***How great is your might! How steadfast your grace!
Your robe is the light; your canopy space;
your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
in majesty riding the wings of the storm.***

***Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.***

Opening Prayer

Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

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| Scripture Reading | <i>Mark 9:2-13</i> | Claire Baer |
| Children's Message | | Claire Baer |
| Pastoral Prayer & 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 | <i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i> – arr. Kirkland | Chancel Choir |
| Sermon | <i>What to Say</i> | Dr. Mark Bender |

THE RESPONSE

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| Communion Hymn | <i>One Bread, One Body</i> – vs. 1 & 2 <i>One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.</i> <i>One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.</i> <i>One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.</i> | No. 393 |
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

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| Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution | Woody Gossom |
| Prayers for the Bread & Cup | Lois Willis & Andy Wilson |
| Partaking of the Bread and Cup | |
| <i>All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.</i> | |
| Common Confession | |

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE OFFERING

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| Moment for Mission | Jeanette Showalter |
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Offertory

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name – Fettke

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

No. 97

***Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down; thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.***

***Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.***

***Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry hosts: Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Lamar Baer (father of Claire Baer) given by Fred & Jane Ridenour, Sheri & Mark Sutton.

In memory of Sheila Poole given by Fred & Jane Ridenour, Sheri & Mark Sutton.

In memory of David Gately given by Fred & Jane Ridenour.

Sermon Notes

1. Beach person or mountain person?

2. The mid-point

3. Christophany and conversation

4. Television vs. radio

5. The context of the Transfiguration

Announcements

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CALENDAR

| Sunday, February 11 | | |
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| 8:40 am | Worship Service | Chapel |
| 9:00 am–5:00 pm | Pictorial Directory Pictures | Parlor/402/405 |
| 9:30 am | Sunday School | |
| 9:30 am | Journey Through Scripture | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:45 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary/ Livestream |
| 2:00-3:30 pm | Search Committee | Room 310 |
| | NO Sunday Evening Activities | |
| Monday, February 12 | | |
| 7:30 am-6:00 pm | Children Come First "CCF" (M-F) | |
| 9:00 am-12:00 pm | Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F) | |
| 9:00 am | CCF Chapel | Chapel |
| 2:00-8:00 pm | Vision Team Meeting | Room 310 |
| 7:30 pm | Boy Scout Troop 15 | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday, February 13 | | |
| 9:30 am | FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning | Room 310 |
| 5:00-7:00 pm | Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner | Fellowship Hall |
| 5:30 pm | World Outreach Ministry Meeting | Room 305 |
| 6:00 pm | Property Ministry Meeting | Room 310 |
| 6:30 pm | Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life | Rooms 304, 306, 308 |
| 7:00 pm | Worship Ministry Meeting | Room 200 |
| Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY / VALENTINE'S DAY | | |
| 7:00 am | Elders' Breakfast | Room 405 |
| 9:00 am | CCF Spanish | Room 300 |
| 1:00 pm | Stretch Class | Parlor |
| 6:00 pm | Ash Wednesday Service | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12) | Room 403/Gym |
| 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (High School-Adults) | Stratten Hall |
| Thursday, February 15 | | |
| 10:00 am | YAS Music | Room 300 |
| 6:30 pm | Manners Matter | Fellowship Hall |
| Friday, February 16 | | |
| 9:00 am | CCF Music | Room 300 |
| 10:00 am | YAS Music | Room 300 |
| Saturday, February 17 | | |
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You Ought to Be in Pictures...!

We want you in the 2024 church directory! Schedule your family's photo time today. There are still times available for Saturday & Sunday, February 24-25.

Choose your time online at firstchristianwf.com/directory. And if you need help getting registered, members of the Membership ministry will be available in the Narthex after worship to assist you.

Love Notes 2

Love Notes 2 is coming on February 29 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This event, sponsored by the CMF, helps fund the Chancel Choir's MSU Students and Guest Musicians Fund. The evening begins with a delicious steak dinner with baked potato, salad, dessert and drink, and the Chancel Choir will provide music all about love throughout the evening.

Reservations are \$15 and can be made in worship on the Connection Card or through the church office. We hope you'll make plans now to come and enjoy!

Participate in a Ministry of the Church in 2024!

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 imagine (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 guests 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 – Linda Gipson, 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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PHONE: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

If you plan to stay on the same Ministry as you served on in 2023, 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 2024 Ministry listing. **THANK YOU!!!**