

# Service of Worship | August 15, 2021



"Lamp of Wisdom" Sculpture in Waterperry Gardens | Oxfordshire, UK

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Wilson, NC**

# First Christian Church at Worship

August 8, 2021

Prelude Casey Childers, organ

**Aria on Psalm 77: 11-12 -Raymond H. Haan**

*"I will remember the words of the Lord; I will meditate also on all Thy work."*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gary Walling

Prelude Casey Childers, organ

Call to Worship Pat Campbell

Leader: Dear Friends, may God make us instruments of peace.

**People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;**

Leader: Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

**People: Where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.**

Leader: May we not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

**People: To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

Leader: In giving, we shall receive; in pardoning, we shall be pardoned;

**People: In dying, we shall be born to eternal life.**

Opening Hymn of Praise ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** CH #517 vs. 1 & 2

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;

Take away our love of sinning; alpha and omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Sesquicentennial Psalm: 105 Pat Campbell

**O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his  
deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name;**

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance. . . ."

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

Common Prayer

Pat Campbell

From the moment we awake to the moment we drift into sleep, O Lord, may your name be praised. Let there be a holiness in this hour of joyful tribute. Make it a delightful time of praise and sincere worship. Stir us by your Spirit so that no one will be in this sanctuary without an awareness of your presence and love, and none of us will leave without a sense of how you accompany us in the living of each of our days. Amen.

Children's Moment

Jeannette Ethridge

Pastoral Update

Rev. Gary Walling

Pastoral Prayer

Solo

***Give Me Jesus arr. Moses Hogan***

Andrew Childers

In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus.

Scripture **1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14** Pat Campbell

Sermon **Wishing for Wisdom** Rev. Gary Walling

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts Rev. Gary Walling

Offertory ***Shout to the Lord arr. Keveren*** Casey Childers, piano

Hymn of Response ***Seek Ye First*** Susan Stilwell, vocalist

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find,  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Blessing of the Gifts Rev. Gary Walling

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of the Elder Gilda Cauley

Words of Institution Rev. Gary Walling

Music for Communion Casey Childers, organ

***Improvisation on "Let Us Break Bread Together"***

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Gary Walling

**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 debts, As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Benediction Rev. Gary Walling

Postlude Casey Childers, organ

***Allegro Maestoso by Felix Mendelssohn***

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Text FCCWILSON to 73256

## Welcome!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today in person or online and hope the worship we share will prepare you for the coming week! We would be grateful if you would take a moment to provide contact information and/or feedback by email at [seniorminister@fccwilson.org](mailto:seniorminister@fccwilson.org) or calling the church office at 252-237-4125.

## Sesquicentennial RSVP - Your response is needed!

If you missed the recent congregational meeting on August 8, 2021, we hope you will take **just a few minutes to answer two quick questions** discussed at that meeting. We would like to include your feedback in our visioning process for the Church.

Here is the link - <https://forms.gle/knf87PKbgMKU4mzc6>

## In Memory

Elwood Lee Smith, Sue Winstead's brother, passed away last Sunday morning. Our continuing prayers are with Sue and her family.

Dorothy "Dot" Bailey passed away on August 6th . Services in celebration of Dot's life were held last Tuesday.

Redmond Cooper, longtime custodian at FCC passed away August 3rd, with a service to celebrate his life held yesterday.

## Prayer Concerns

Peggy Almond, Keith Brenner, Sally Brizzi, Allan Daniell, Sue Ferrell, Roland Jones, Jane Martin (Anne Sharpe's granddaughter), Sue Newcomb, Janet Robbins, Anna Jane Ruffin, JC Steelman (Theresa Mathis' father), Ron Taylor (former organist at FCC), Alice Thomas, Kathleen Ujlaki, Sim Wooten (William Wooten's brother)

# Church Calendar

## Today, August 15

11:00am Disciples Class (in the Parlor)  
FCC Rocks available to be painted

## Monday, August 16

11:00am Mobile Music Ministries  
Home of Dalen Bottoms: 4034 Townes Court

## Wednesday, August 18

12:00pm Sounds of Summer Concert Series  
featuring Elizabeth Winstead, Cindy Darden and Jack Fisher

## Thursday, August 19

5:45pm 150th Anniversary Task Force Team Meeting

## Saturday, August 21

9:00am 150th Anniversary Task Force Team Meeting

## **Sounds of Summer Concert Series Continues this Wednesday**

This is the last concert of the Sounds of Summer Series. This Wednesday, August 18th at 12PM we welcome Elizabeth Winstead, soprano; Jack Fisher, clarinet and Cindy Darden, pianist together in concert. Together they will be sharing words of Handel, Niles, Hayes and in particular, Schubert's Shepherd on the Rock.

The next concert will be the 9th Annual

Music for Hope Concert on Friday, September 24th at 7PM.

This concert will be the kickoff to the Sesquicentennial Celebration Weekend.

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