

Service of Worship
June 11, 2023 | 10AM



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Wilson, NC

First Christian Church at Worship

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† *At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

CH indicates Chalice Hymnal (red hymn book)

CP indicates Chalice Praise (purple hymn book)

Gathering In Spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Theresa Mathis

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Casey Childers, piano

How Firm a Foundation arr. Forrest

† Call To Worship

Christy Proctor

Leader: God's Word is solid to the core; everything God makes is sound, inside and out.

Response: **Earth is drenched in God's affectionate satisfaction.**
(from Psalm 33, The Message Bible)

† Opening Hymn of Praise

CH #618, vs. 1,2 & 5

How Firm a Foundation

Vs. 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Vs. 2 Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give the aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

Vs. 5 The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

†Praying Together

led by Christy Proctor

**Almighty God, you who know all hearts and minds,
probe our deepest selves and discern our love for you and one
another. Turn our hearts to love in every situation, that we
might please you by following your most important teaching.
Strengthen our resolve to be faithful to you in everything we
do, especially as we worship today in the name of Jesus, for
we ask this and all things in his holy name, amen.**

Children's Moment

Jeannette Etheridge

*Following the children's moment, children pre k-3rd grade are
invited to attend Children's Sunday School in the Education Building.*

Prayer Concerns

Jerrell Pritchett

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jamie Brame

*(at the end of each prayer section, the minister will say, "God in your mercy;"
the response will be, "Hear our prayer.")*

Hymn of Prayer

Holy Ground

CH #112

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now,
we are standing in His presence on Holy ground.

Scripture and Response

Luke 11: 9 - 10

Christy Proctor

1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith, Hope, Love, and Prayer

Rev. Brame

Solo

Blessed Assurance arr. Beck

Wanda Sutton, soloist

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of His Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Brame

*After the invitation to offering, feel free to bring offerings as you are led
and place them in the offering plates at the front or back of the sanctuary.
Also, feel free to scan the QR code further in the bulletin and give online!*

Offertory

Casey Childers, organ

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

†Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

CH #46

†Blessing of the Gifts

Rev. Brame

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Brame

Communion Prayer

Jerrell Pritchett

Music for Communion

Casey Childers, organ

Words of Institution

Rev. Brame

†The Lord's Prayer

led by Rev. Brame

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. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†Hymn of Invitation

Be Thou My Vision

CH #595 vs. 1,2,4

vs. 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Vs. 2 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always,
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

vs. 4 Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

†Saying the Prayer by The Elders

led by Jerrell Pritchett

Almighty God, your love sets us free to truly love and grow.

Thank you for our church with its caring, compassionate, and serving family.

Kindle within our hearts, an underlying gratitude for strength and hope.

Give us the power to imagine our future and the courage to honor our past.

Help us build on our past, as we work together as one body.

Grant us wisdom and foresight to remain faithful during the course of our journey.

**Raise up in a transformational pastor an inner longing to hear our call to
ministry. We delight in the leadership of your spirit, Lord, as you
consider the desires of our hearts for the one who shall be our
shepherd. AMEN**

†Closing Blessing

Rev. Brame

†Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

“Hornpipe” from Water Music by Handel

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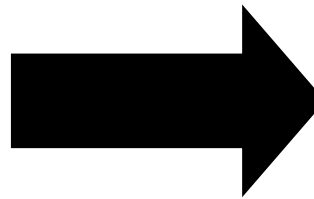


Welcome to FCC!

We are an open and inclusive Disciples of Christ congregation who welcomes all to God's table and service. Let us know you are with us! We will hopefully get a connection card to you, but if we miss you, they are located in the back of the church! Also, feel free to scan the QR code and share info there. We love saying 'welcome' around here!

Give Online

We are grateful for the many gifts shared into the fullness of this ministry. The gifts share go into the community and ministry of Wilson and this congregation. If you wish to save paper or if giving online is easier, scan and give here!



Important Announcements

- ⇒ **CONNECT:** Looking to connect outside of worship? Let's do it! The first Fun & Fellowship night will be THIS WEDNESDAY, June 14 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Come join in for summer games, fellowship, upbeat music and uplifting scripture. The Theme for the first evening will be Playdoh so come and channel your inner sculptor!
- ⇒ **GIVE:** It's that time of year again, when we celebrate Christy Proctor's birthday with Bucks for Backpacks! Help Christy's birthday wish come true by donating financially to this important project. \$25 will provide one backpack and all the supplies a child will need to kick off the 2023-24 school year! Make your check with the notation "bucks for backpacks" or go online to make your donation with the same notation.
- ⇒ **GROW:** Bible Study continues on Thursday, June 15 + 22 at 10:30AM. It will run through June 22. Jamie is leading a study entitled "Survey of the Bible." Thursday morning Bible study continues. This week: The Gospels (including 2nd Luke, or the book of Acts).
- ⇒ **LISTEN + SING:** June 25, 4:00 PM: Community Hymn Sing at Forest Hills Baptist Church. Several members of our Chancel Choir and our Minister of Music will be participating, so come and support them!

In Our Prayers

Peggy Anderson; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms' son); Terry Farmer; Emily Johnson (Myra Powell's mother); Ronnie Langley; LaRue Massey (Kathy Sandifer's friend); Mike McHarg; Shelton McNair, Jr. (Mary Louise Gray's nephew); Sue Newcomb; Alesha Respass; Janet Robbins; Carol Steffa; Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum; Phil & Sue Winstead; Kristy Wisniewski (friend of Christy Proctor & Melissa Denton); Our Pastoral Search Committee.

Homebound

Jim Boswell; Dalen Bottoms; Sherry Brenner; Hazel Byers; Gena Carter; Gilbert Ferrell; J.R. Gordon; Judy Harris; Nan Owens; Doug Ramsey; Anne Sharpe; Lenore Smith; Alice Thomas; Charlotte Wallace; A.J. Walston; John and Mabel Whitley

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Haley Bissette & Daniel Hawkins on the birth of their son, Kayden Lee Hawkins (great grandparents are Leslie & Bob Kendall).

With Sympathy

Our deep and abiding prayers are with Sue & the family of Henry Newcomb, who passed away this week. Services and Celebration of Henry's life were held yesterday at 1PM in our sanctuary. Please continue to hold their family close in the coming days and months.

Church Calendar

Today, June 11

10:00am Worship
11:00am Disciples Class

Tuesday, June 13

11:00am Staff Meeting

Wednesday , June 14

6:30pm Adult VBS Small Group & Fellowship!
 Play-doh

Thursday, June 15

10:30am Bible Study in the Parlor

Sunday, June 18

10:00am Worship
11:00am Disciples Class

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 officestaff2@fccwilson.org or calling the church office at 252-237-4125.

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