



**Service of Worship  
June 27, 2021**

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

# First Christian Church at Worship

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Theresa Mathis

Prelude

Casey Childers, organ

***Gothic Chorale*** by Gordon Young

Call to Worship:

Melissa Denton

Leader: Every morning, we wake and must make a choice for the new day.

**People: Will we serve the God revealed by Jesus, or will we follow what is offered by this world.**

Leader: There is always a choice before us. Every day of our lives, we must choose again.

**People: We know this choice you speak of. Today, now, shall we sell our souls a thousand times over for cheap substitutes, or shall we pour our hearts and minds into what is eternal?**

Leader: What say you today?

**People: The Lord is our God and is worthy of praise. We will honor God above all the small gods that the world claims to offer. May all people know that this day, we again choose God.**

Opening Hymn of Praise ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

CH #91

Sesquicentennial Psalm: Day 50

## Psalm 53

**<sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they commit abominable acts; there is no one who does good. <sup>2</sup> God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. <sup>3</sup> They have all fallen away, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God? <sup>5</sup> There they shall be in great terror, in terror such as has not been. For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly; they will be put to shame, for**

**God has rejected them. 6 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

Common Prayer

Melissa Denton

**Gracious and loving God, we come to you with hearts that need to be opened to your word and your love. There is so much around us that tears at us and causes us to tremble. And so, we ask, keep us ever mindful of your presence and the hope that you have given us in your Son Jesus Christ. Guide us, we pray, as your church, struggling to spread the good news. Keep us focused on the mission and ministry to which you have called us and lead us forward. We know, Lord, that there will often be bumps and holes in the road along the way, but save us from dwelling on them. Instead, give us a confidence that you are ever leading your church. Amen.**

Children's Moment

Jeannette Ethridge

Pastoral Update

Dr. Rod Werline

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Prayer

***Lord, Be Glorified***

CP #42

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified, today.

2. In your church...

4. In our work....

5. In our prayers....

Scripture

Psalm 130

Melissa Denton

Sermon

**"Let's be Convincing"**

Dr. Rod Werline

Solo

Todd Brame, soloist

***The Lord Is My Shepherd*** by Howard Goodall

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Dr. Rod Werline

Offertory

Casey Childers, organ

***Holy God, We Praise Your Name*** arr. Burkardt

Blessing of the Gifts	Dr. Rod Werline
Invitation to Communion	
Prayer of the Elder	Wendy Wingrove
Words of Institution	Dr. Rod Werline
Music for Communion	
The Lord's Prayer	Dr. Rod Werline
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
Benediction	Dr. Rod Werline
Postlude	Casey Childers, organ

***Tuba Tune*** by Lang

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They may be left in the offering trays or may be sent to:  
First Christian Church of Wilson, PO Box 2702, Wilson, NC 27894  
Or to give online, go to:  
[www.fccwilson.org/giving-options](http://www.fccwilson.org/giving-options)  
Text FCCWILSON to 73256

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Rod Werline to the pulpit this week. Dr. Werline is the Leman and Marie Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Barton College.

Gary Walling will be out of the office until mid-week, but is always available on his cell phone. Our Elder on Call for June is Kathy Sandifer and for July is Wanda Sutton

If you are not on the church email list but would like to be, let us know by emailing us at [officestaff2@fccwilson.org](mailto:officestaff2@fccwilson.org)

## **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.

## **Prayer Concerns**

Peggy Almond, John Beland, Jack Clifford, Betty Jordan, Leslie Kendall, Sue Newcomb, Janet Robbins, Anna Jane Ruffin, JC Steelman (Theresa Mathis' father), Ron Taylor (former organist at FCC), Sim Wooten (William Wooten's brother)

## **Vacation Bible School Returns! August 5,6,7**

After missing a year of one of our favorite activities, Vacation Bible School returns! Mark your calendars for the evenings of August 5, 6 & 7. To help continue the care for our children who are unvaccinated, this year we will focus on only our First Christian children/families. Stay tuned to how you can be involved. More importantly, if you have little ones, be sure and mark your calendars and save these dates!

## **Sesquicentennial Walk around Lake Wilson—July 10 at 8:30AM**

Join us in the main parking lot (near the restrooms) at Lake Wilson before it gets to warm! We will begin with prayer then embark on the 2.23 mile loop. During our time of fellowship we will also better our bodies for Christ's work. Following, we will have refreshments and closing prayer. Let Casey know if you plan on joining!

# Church Calendar

## Today, June 27

- 10am      Worship: Live & Livestream (also Recorded for Later Viewing)  
11am      Disciples Class (in the Parlor)  
11am      Small Group Book Study (In Fellowship Hall) (to review Session 6-  
            Daniel)

## Monday, June 28

- 5:45pm    Facilities & Maintenance

## Thursday, July 1

- 5:45pm    Sesquicentennial Committee Meeting

## Sunday, July 4

- 9:45am    Patriotic & Christmas in July Hymn Sing  
10am      Worship: Live & Livestream (also Recorded for Later Viewing)  
11am      Disciples Class (in the Parlor)

## Saturday, July 10

- 8:30am    Sesquicentennial Walk – Lake Wilson

## Sunday, July 11

- 10am      Worship: Live & Livestream (also Recorded for Later Viewing)  
11am      Disciples Class (in the Parlor)  
4pm        Congregational Meeting with Consultant – Fellowship Hall and Zoom  
            (Meeting ID: 839 2558 4112; Passcode: 484083)  
5:30pm    Consultation Committee Meeting

## Monday, July 12

- 7pm        Psalms and Psundaes Seminar with Rev Carla Aday – Fellowship Hall  
            and Zoom (Meeting ID: 898 9150 2864; Passcode: 802255)

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**Rev. Gary Walling *Senior Minister***

**Casey Childers *Organist and Minister of Music***

**Charles Cauley *Interim Office Administrator***

**Connie Farris *Financial Secretary***