



**Service of Worship  
July 11, 2021**

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

# First Christian Church at Worship

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gary Walling

Prelude

Casey Childers, organ

*Variations on 'Lord of the Dance'* by Robert Lau

Call to Worship (from Sesquicentennial Psalm 68)

Tim Sharp

**Leader:** Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.

**People:** **Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

**Leader:** O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God.

**People:** **Your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.**

**Leader:** Your solemn processions are seen, O God, the processions of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.

**People:** **Summon your might, O God; show your strength, O God, as you have done for us before.**

**Leader:** Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

**People:** **Awesome is God in his sanctuary who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

Opening Hymn of Praise

*Holy Ground*

CH #112

Common Prayer

Tim Sharp

**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

Rev. Gary Walling

Pastoral Prayer

Solo

Emma Beneck, soloist

***People Need the Lord*** by Steve Green

Every day they pass me by I can see it in their eyes  
Empty people filled with care headed who knows where?

On they go through private pain Living fear to fear  
Laughter hides their silent cries Only Jesus hears

People need the Lord, People need the Lord  
At the end of broken dreams He's the open door  
People need the Lord, People need the Lord  
When will we realize People need the Lord?

We are called to take His light To a world where wrong seems right  
What could be too great a cost For sharing life with one who's lost?

Through His love our hearts can feel All the grief they bear  
They must hear the words of life Only we can share (refrain)

Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Tim Sharp

Sermon

**The Highs of Faith**

Rev. Gary Walling

Hymn of Response

***Let’s Sing Unto the Lord***  
from the Chalice Hymnal

CH #60

Emma Beneck, soloist

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.  
Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh beginning.

God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans:  
and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beauty.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,  
which shows our love and faith and the hope of all creation.  
Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness,  
and so we sing to God, who bestows such lovely blessings. (refrain).

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts		Rev. Gary Walling
Offertory	<b>Doxology</b>	Emma Beneck, soloist
	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.	
Blessing of the Gifts		Rev. Gary Walling
Invitation to Communion		
Prayer of the Elder		Tish Scott
Words of Institution		Rev. Gary Walling
Music for Communion		
The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Gary Walling
	<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>	
Benediction		Rev. Gary Walling
Postlude		Casey Childers, organ
	<b><i>In Thee Is Gladness</i></b> by Johannes Matthias Michel <i>A tribute to Leonard Bernstein from the collection "Organ, Timbrel and Dance"</i>	

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY**  
**4:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OR BY ZOOM**  
**COME AND MEET**  
**REV. CHARITY ROBERSON,CONSULTANT WITH THE**  
**CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH**

Tithes and Offerings are received with Thanks and Gratitude  
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

**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, Lennis Brinson, Sheldon Campbell, Gena Carter, Jack Clifford, Betty Jordan, Leslie Kendall, Sue Newcomb, Janet Robbins, Anna Jane Ruffin, JC Steelman (Theresa Mathis' father), Ron Taylor (former organist at FCC), A. J. Walston, 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 from 5:15pm to 8:00pm and Saturday, August 7 from 10:00am to 12:30pm. 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!

# Church Calendar

## Today, July 11

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

## Wednesday, July 14

- 12pm Sounds of Summer Concert Series featuring Matthew Joyner, tenor  
and Dexter Ruffin, pianist  
2-6pm Red Cross Blood Drive

## Thursday, July 15

- 5:45pm 150th Anniversary Task Force

## Sunday, July 18

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

## **First Christian Church**

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

**Charles Cauley *Interim Office Administrator***

**Connie Farris *Financial Secretary***