



**Service of Worship
August 1, 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

Matthew Joyner, organ

A Gothic Prelude by Gordon Young

Call to Worship (from today's Sesquicentennial Psalm 91)

Linda Walling

Leader: Live under the protection of God Most High and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful. Then you will say to the LORD, *You are my fortress, my place of safety; you are my God, and I trust you.*

People: The Lord will keep us safe from secret traps and deadly diseases. God will spread wings over us and keep us secure. God's faithfulness is like a shield or a city wall.

Leader: We won't need to worry about dangers at night or arrows during the day. And we won't fear diseases that strike in the dark or sudden disaster at noon.

People: Because we have made the Lord Most High our fortress. We run to God for safety, and no terrible disasters will strike us or our homes.

Leader: God promises, *If you love me and truly know who I am, I will rescue you and keep you safe. When you are in trouble, call out to me. I will answer and be there to protect and honor you.*

People: We have seen salvation from God. Let us worship.

Opening Hymn of Praise

CH #480

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

Common Prayer

Linda Walling

**Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them
what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and
thirst of every living thing.**

**We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the
Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your
goodness and live.**

**May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish
our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful
disciples.**

**For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In
Jesus' name, Amen.**

Children's Moment

Jeannette Ethridge

Pastoral Update

Rev. Gary Walling

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Prayer

Sanctuary

CP #40

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Scripture

Mark 6.24-35

Linda Walling

Sermon

Hunger

Rev. Gary Walling

Solo	Matthew Joyner, vocals and piano
	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)</i> by Chris Tomlin
Invitation to Offer Our Gifts	Rev. Gary Walling
Offertory	Matthew Joyner, piano
	<i>El Shaddai</i> arr. by Phillip Keveren
Blessing of the Gifts	Rev. Gary Walling
Invitation to Communion	
Prayer of the Elder	William Wooten
Words of Institution	Rev. Gary Walling
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	Matthew Joyner, organ
	<i>National Hymn</i> arr. by Daniel Gawthrop

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Common Prayer By Christine Longhurst (<https://re-worship.blogspot.com>)

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
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 or calling the church office at 252-237-4125.

Prayer Concerns

Peggy Almond, Keith Brenner, Lennis Brinson, Sheldon Campbell, Sue Ferrell, Sue Newcomb, Janet Robbins, Anna Jane Ruffin, JC Steelman (Theresa Mathis' father), Ron Taylor (former organist at FCC), Alice Thomas, Kathleen Ujlaki, A. J. Walston, Sim Wooten (William Wooten's brother)

Consultation Process

August 8, 4:00 to 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Before we look towards the future, it is helpful to know who we have been, let's take a walk down memory lane. This is a chance to talk about your most powerful moments in the church and what we can learn from them. At this meeting, everyone will have the opportunity to share in small groups that will be led by our vision team. Every voice is needed as a part of this process.

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. The VBS children will also be part of the Worship Service on Sunday, August 8th. 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, August 1

10:00am Worship: Live & Livestream (also Recorded for Later Viewing)

11:00am Disciples Class (in the Parlor)

Monday, August 2

5:45pm Facilities and Maintenance Team

Tuesday, August 3

11:00am Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 5

5:15pm-8:00pm Vacation Bible School (dinner provided)

Friday, August 6

5:15pm-8:00pm Vacation Bible School (dinner provided)

Saturday, August 7

10:00am-12:30pm Vacation Bible School (snacks provided)

Sunday, August 8

10:00am Worship: Live & Livestream (also Recorded for Later Viewing)
(Vacation Bible School Children will be part of the
Worship Service.)

11:00am Disciples Class (in the Parlor)

4:00pm Congregational Meeting (Consultation Process—Looking Back Before
We Look Ahead)

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