

Service of Worship
March 3, 2024 | 10AM
The Third Sunday of Lent

Lent



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)
**(Our worship music today will largely reflect spirituals in observance of Black History Month.
There are at least 30 spirituals in the Chalice Hymnal.)**

Gathering in Fellowship Together

Welcome and Announcements

Theresa Mathis

Chiming of the Trinity

Sharing the Light of Christ

Prelude **My Jesus, I Love Thee** arr. Dan Forrest Casey Childers, piano

†Call To Worship Carol Steffa

Leader: Let us remember what our God has done!

All: God created the world out of a formless void.

Leader: Let us remember what our God has done!

All: God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.

Leader: Let us remember what our God has done!

All: God created people in the image of God.

Leader: Let us remember what our God has done!

All: God has made us caretakers of the earth.

Leader: Let us complete our task in faithfulness.

†Opening Hymn of Praise **To God Be the Glory** CH #72

Vs 1: To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

(Refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
Vs 2: O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
(Refrain)

Vs 3: Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

†Praying Together

led by Carol Steffa

Circle us, Lord
Circle our family within the shelter of your outstretched arms
Protect them in each moment of their daily lives
Protect them in the decisions that they face
Protect their homes and relationships
Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation
Circle our families with the light of your presence. Amen.

Children's Moment

Rev. Scott Schieber

*(Following the children's moment, children pre K—3rd grade are invited
to attend Children's Sunday School in the Education Building)*

Anthem

To Dust by Karen Marroli

Chancel Choir

Let my crying come to dust.
Let my grief be turned to ashes.
Let my heart be cleansed with flame. Kyrie eleison.

Let my mourning turn to song.
Let my sorrow turn to sunrise.
Let my broken spirit rest. Kyrie eleison.

Let your healing waters rise.
Let your deserts bloom with bounty.

Let your holy spirit come. Christe eleison.

Let our crying come to dust.

Let our grief be turned to ashes.

Let our hearts be cleansed with flame. Kyrie eleison.

Lenten Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

Carol Steffa

†Gloria Patri

CH #35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Preaching Text

Leviticus 25:1-17

Rev. Schieber

Sermon

Mindful of Creation

Rev. Schieber

Hymn of Response

Seek Peace with All Creatures

Seek peace with all creatures and treat them with care.

Grow peace in the oceans, the soil, and the air.

Dream peace for the farmland and mindfully mend
the garden of peace that God calls us to tend.

Seek peace to help people who suffer survive.

Grow peace to shape places where children can thrive.

Dream peace for the nations and pray we will see
the city of peace that God calls us to be.

Seek peace though it seems like a futile pursuit.

Grow peace though we often will not taste its fruit.

Dream peace, for creation will come to embrace
the promise of peace as a gift of God's grace.

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Prayer Concerns

Mary Louise Gray

Moment of Silent Reflection and Release

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Schieber

Week of Compassion Minute for Mission

Kaitlyn Henderson

Invitation to Offering Rev. Schieber

*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 in the bulletin and give online!*

Offertory ***Chorale Prelude: Abridge*** arr. C. S. Lang Casey Childers, organ

†Lenten Doxology TUNE: Hamburg

(Doxology Text by G.W. Dub Shepherd)

Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.

†Blessing of the Gifts Rev. Schieber

Invitation to Communion Rev. Schieber

Communion Prayer Mary Louise Gray

Words of Institution Rev. Schieber

†The Lord's Prayer led by Rev. Schieber

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 Sending Forth ***My Jesus, I Love Thee*** CH #349

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love thee, because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

†Benediction

Rev. Schieber

†Choral Blessing

Go in Peace

CP #183

Go in peace. Go in peace. Go in peace, God bless you.

May God's grace be with you friend both now and when we meet again.

†Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

Prelude in a minor, BWV 543 by J.S. Bach

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In Our Prayers

Peggy Anderson; Vickie Balazsi (Kathy Sandifer's cousin); Jim Boswell; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms' son); Chris Boyette (friend of Gilda Cauley); Kevin Carroll (Laura Pritchett's cousin); Hope Christian (friend of Gilda Cauley); Win Craft; Mary Louise Gray; Nell Griffin; Elaine Hanna; Anita Hathorn (Laura Pritchett's aunt); Tina Hensley; Lynn Kyle (friend of Libby & Allan Daniell); LaRue Massey (Kathy Sandifer's friend); Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum; Soraya (friend of Jennifer Whitehurst Hendrix).

Family of Agnes Robbins (Christy Webb's husband's aunt).

Homebound

Peggy Anderson; Jim Boswell; Dalen Bottoms; Sherry Brenner; Hazel Byers; Gena Carter; Gilbert Ferrell; Judy Harris; Doug Ramsey; Anne Sharpe; Lenore Smith; Alice Thomas; Kathleen Ujlaki; A.J. Walston.

Prayer Requests

If you have prayer requests, you may fill out a prayer request card, located in the pew racks, and place it in the offering plate. They will be collected and given to the Elder's.

Barton College Light of Life Series Lecture Tuesday, March 5, 4:00 PM at Howard Chapel. Speaker: Bishop Valerie Melvin, Regional Minister for the Christian Church in NC. Topic: *Building Community*

Our 2024 Week of Compassion Offering is coming to a close. Please consider a contribution. No other means affords us the opportunity to do so much for so many in so many places in the US and around the globe. Offering envelopes are in the bulletin. Remember to write Week of Compassion in the subject line on your check. Using the online giving tool, select Week of Compassion from the dropdown list for FUND or write it in the MEMO field.

Next Sunday, March 10, is Honduras Mission Team Sharing Sunday. Wendy Wingrove, April Henderson, and Kaitlyn Henderson will share the story of their February mission trip to Honduras during our Sunday worship. Please plan to be with us as we learn and give thanks for their ministry.

Tithes and Offerings are received with thanks and gratitude into the ministry of FCC! These gifts may be left in the offering trays or may be sent to:

First Christian Church of Wilson
PO Box 2702, Wilson, NC 27894
Online: www.fccwilson.org/giving-options
Text FCCWILSON to 73256



LOVE ONE ANOTHER: A Regional Faith Symposium on LGBT Inclusivity will be held Saturday, March 16, at the Main Campus Student Center at ECU, hosted by the Peel LGBTQ Center. For more information, visit: <https://lgbtq.ecu.edu/loveoneanother/> Please consider this very important opportunity and be in touch with Scott if you are interested in attending. He will be going and would love to have a group join him! Contact him at scott.schieber@fccwilson.org



Church Calendar

Sunday, March 3—Week of Compassion

- 10:00am Worship
11:11am Sunday Morning Small Group
11:15am Disciples Class

Monday, March 4

- 11:00am Mobile Music Ministry with Dalen Bottoms

Tuesday, March 5

- 11:00am Staff Meeting
2:00pm CWF in the Parlor
5:30pm Encounter rehearsal
6:30pm Chalice Ringers rehearsal
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, March 6

- 12:10 pm Wilson Community Lenten Services
 At St. John's AME Zion Church
 Rev. Heather Herrin Wong preaching
5:30pm Kids and Youth Programs
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

- 10:00am Difficult Words of Jesus Lenten Study with Rev. Schieber (Ch 4)
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