

**Service of Worship  
June 9, 2024 | 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)*

Welcome and Announcements

Theresa Mathis

Chiming of the Trinity

Sharing the Light of Christ

Rylee Jones, Acolyte

Prelude

Casey Childers & Matthew Joyner, pianists

***Take My Life, and Let It Be*** arr. Dan Forrest

†Call To Worship

Sue Ray

Leader: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless,  
I cried out to God.

**All: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.**

Leader: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

**All: And God found me and brought me home.**

Leader: When my life was filled with joy and blessing,  
I danced and praised God.

**All: And God danced and rejoiced with me.  
Thanks be to God.**

†Opening Hymn of Praise

CP #7

***Let Us Go to the House of the Lord***

Refrain:

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord"

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

VS. 1 - Called from every nation, called from every race,

Gathered here for worship in this holy place.

God is here among us, lift your hearts and sing;

Make the walls and rafters ring. (Refrain)

VS. 2 - Here the poor are welcomed, here the lost are claimed.

Broken lives are mended; deepest fears are named.

Here the wise are children, and the weak are strong.

Here, in Christ, we all belong. (Refrain)

VS. 3 - Words that must be spoken, grace that must be heard,  
Mercy and forgiveness from God's holy Word  
Here will be repeated, peace to all proclaimed,  
Shouted out in Jesus' name. (Refrain )

†Praying Together

led by Sue Ray

**Holy God, Creator of Life,  
you call us out of our dark places,  
offering us the grace of new life.  
Call us out of our complacency and routines  
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,  
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.**

Children's Moment

Rev. Scott Schieber

*Following the children's moment, children are welcome to grab a  
Children's Worship Bag and remain in worship. Children's Sunday School will resume after Labor Day.*

Prayer Concerns

Kenenth Dildy

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Schieber

Hymn of Prayer

***In the Garden***

CH #227

VS. 1 - I come to the garden alone,  
while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.

VS. 2 - He speaks, and the sound of his voice  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)

VS. 3 - I'd stay in the garden with him  
though the night around me be falling,  
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe  
his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)

Scripture	Genesis 3:8-15	Sue Ray
Sermon	<b>“One Time, I Got to be God”</b>	Rev. Schieber
Solo	<b><i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i></b> arr. Tom Trenney	Matthew Joyner, soloist
Invitation to Offering		Rev. Schieber
Offertory	<b><i>Be Thou My Vision</i></b> arr. Dan Forrest	Casey Childers & Matthew Joyner, pianists
†Doxology		TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	
†Blessing the Gifts		Rev. Schieber
Invitation to Communion		Rev. Schieber
Communion Prayer		Kenneth Dildy
Serving the Sacraments	<i>(The Bread and the Cup will be served to you in the pews.          We will take them together when the Minister speaks the Words of Institution)</i>	
Music for Communion	<b><i>For Everyone Born</i></b> arr. Tom Trenney	Matthew Joyner
	For everyone born, a place at the table. For everyone born, clean water and bread, A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing; for everyone born, a star overhead,	
	Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace; yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.	
	For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, a system that’s fair.	

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song.  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free!

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 Departing

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

CH #622

VS. 1 - Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

VS. 2 - Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

VS. 3 - When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
bear me through the swelling current; land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

†Benediction

Rev. Schieber

Postlude

***Rigaudon*** by Andre Campra

Casey Childers, organ

*Postlude Etiquette—As worship ends, it's not necessary for you to sit and listen to the postlude, but please be respectful of those who do care to enjoy it.*

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## In Our Prayers

Vickie Balazsi (Kathy Sandifer's cousin); Jim Boswell; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms' son); Mia Brunette (daughter of Jennifer Brow); Victoria Burns (Friend of Sue Ray); Bobbie Deans; Mary Louise Gray; Nell Griffin; Elaine Hanna; Janet Harris (Laura Pritchett's aunt; Anita Hathorn (Laura Pritchett's aunt); Shirley Hayes (Kathy Proctor's stepmother); Camryn Jefferson (Wimpy Jefferson's granddaughter); Kay (Stephanie Pridgen's aunt); Lynn Kyle (friend of Libby & Allan Daniell); Jack Ludlam (William Wooten's Brother-in-law); LaRue Massey (Kathy Sandifer's friend); Evelyn Meyer; Larry Mitchell (Gilda Cauley's friend); JoJo Near; Doris Peele; Janet Robbins; Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum; Jo Shackelford; Ronnie Dickens

## Homebound

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

*(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 Elders.)*

## Welcome to the Potluck Food Fest!

Please join us in the fellowship hall following worship for our potluck lunch to launch the *Summer Food Drive*. If you didn't get the word or if you are visiting with us today, PLEASE come on and join us! Everyone is always welcome at our table! Our thanks to our marvelous Hospitality Team for helping to prepare for this gathering and to all who have prepared tasty delights to share!

## It's Bucks for Backpacks Time Again!

Time flies. Christy Proctor turns 53 on June 18! Thirteen years ago on her 40th birthday, Christy launched Bucks for Backpacks as her birthday wish. That first year, her goal was 400 backpacks. Easy math. Ten for every year. So, her goal this year is 530. Here's how you can help grant Christy's wish. A gift of \$25, for example, will provide one backpack and all the supplies a disadvantaged child will need to kick off the 2024-25 school year just right. Through Sunday, June 23, place your check in the offering plate payable to FCC with the notation "For Christy's Backpacks." With your generosity, we can bless the lives of children and celebrate all the ways Christy reaches into the community to help.

*Happy Birthday, Christy!*

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, June 9

10:00am      Worship  
11:00am      Pot Luck Lunch hosted by the Compassion and Service Team

### Tuesday June 11

10:30am      Staff Meeting

### Thursday, June 13

6:30pm      Elder's Meeting

*Rev. Schieber will be on vacation from June 12 thru June 27. Our guest ministers during that time will be Bobby White on June 16 and Mike McHarg on June 23.*

## Visiting? Welcome!



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!

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## Composer Spotlight for June 9 | Tom Trenney

For the next few weeks I will be lifting up special composers in the LGBTQ+ community. Charles & Gilda Cauley, Andrew and I have had the pleasure of meeting Tom Trenney and hearing his choirs perform. I did reach out to Mr. Trenney to ask permission before sharing any of this in our bulletin to which he wholly supported. This morning, his arrangements of "Come, Thou Fount" and "For Everyone Born" are enough to speak for themselves. However, hearing more about him just *(over)*

further captures his spirit and ministry filled being. This interview was written and documented by Chris Tikto, with his interview through J.W. Pepper publishing company.

*Upon meeting Tom Trenney, one can't help but notice that there is something special about him. His calm spirit, nonjudgmental loving manner, high intelligence, mad musical skills, and ability to express himself blend to make Trenney a unique voice in sacred music. He has earned a place of respect and appreciation from his colleagues and from the congregation of First-Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he serves. For the church, he serves as organists, composes, plays hymns, and conducts. He also does numerous talks about church music around the country, has an affection for the legacy of Fred Rogers, and is raising two adopted children with his partner.*

### **On Fred Rogers and Holy Ground**

*In 2019, Trenney spoke at the national conference of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) about a person who inspired him. His topic was the similarities between Fred Rogers' philosophies about education and the effect of making music in community. Rogers is quoted as saying: "I'm not interested in mass communications. I'm much more interested in what happens between this person and the one watching. The space between the television set and that person who's watching is very holy ground."*

*Trenney points out that Rogers had the same old curtains and sweaters throughout his lengthy PBS career. He didn't need any gimmicks. He simply wanted to convey a priceless message: "I love you just the way you are. There's no one else like you. There never has been and there never will be."*

*The holy ground between conductor and singer, between organist and congregation, between cantor and parish is just that – holy ground. Trenney believes that if we can convey these ideals to those we work with, positive change is possible – that we have the ability to create what traditional church music is about today. Essentially, together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered.*

*"We each have music born within us that no one else has ever made and no one else ever could," Trenney said. "It is a rich blessing and a deep privilege to be part of helping others to set that music free!"*

It is a privilege to share his heart felt arrangements in worship today.