

**Service of Worship  
June 23, 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

Choral Welcome

**Welcome** by Mark Miller Andrew Childers, soloist

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin

To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.

To be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,

Singing welcome, welcome to this place,

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome, the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a fest,

Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,

And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heav'n are one,

A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,

Where our mourning turns to dancing, ev'ry creature lifts its voice.

All are welcome in this place.

† Call To Worship

Todd Brame

Leader: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

**People: There are no outsiders here among us, no one has any special standing or bragging rights.**

Leader: For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus .

**People: Let's join together in worship!**

†Opening Hymn of Praise ***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*** CH #560

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

†Praying Together led by Todd Brame

Gracious God who is all around us and within us, welcome us to worship this day. Fill our hearts with a desire for loving you with our whole selves. May we welcome the stranger and greet our friends with the same love with which you love us; may our worship be filled with love, gratitude, and praise, in Jesus' holy name, amen.

Children's Moment Jeannette Etheridge

*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.*

Minute for Mission for Hope Station Kathy Daughety

Prayer Concerns Jackie Clifford

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael McHarg

Hymn of Preparation ***Holy Ground*** CH #112

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now,  
we are standing in His presence on Holy ground.

Scripture Psalm 138:1-8 Todd Brame

Sermon **Thank GOD!** Rev. McHarg

Solo ***The Day is Coming*** by Mark Miller CH #59

The lands in longing call out your name; the tongues are different, the prayer the same.

With humble spirits can we believe that God is bigger than we conceive?

The day is coming, the Lord will move with the hand of justice and the heart of love.

The will of heaven on this earth be done; the day is coming, oh let it come.

With willing spirits, Lord, let us dare to kneel with strangers and join in prayer.

Grant in your mercy the hope that heals, the law of love your word reveals.

A barren wasteland we must reclaim, with hearts for bearing each other's pain.

Grant us the courage to make a place to plant tomorrow's seeds of peace.

Invitation to Offering Terry Shackleford

Offertory ***Holy Ground*** arr. Carol Tornquist Casey Childers, piano

†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 Terry Shackleford

Invitation to Communion Terry Shackleford

Communion Prayer Jackie Clifford

Serving the Sacraments

*(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)*

Music for Communion Andrew Childers, soloist

***Come to the Table*** by Mark Miller

Come, oh come, come to the table. Gather 'round, come without fear.

Known by name, here at the table, this table; welcome here, to the table of love.

Circle round, let's join together. Share your joys, and bring your tears.

Strength and hope found at the table, this table; welcome here, to the table of love.

God is love; Love is creating something new, right here, right now.

We're children of God, here at the table, this table; welcome here, to the table of love.

Words of Institution

Terry Shackleford

†The Lord's Prayer

led by Terry Shackleford

**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 Hope is Built***

CH #537

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain

†Benediction

Terry Shackleford

Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

***Rondeau et Fanfare*** by Jean-Josef Mouret

*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); Mac Carr (Donna Carr's husband); Bobbie Deans; Ronnie Dickens; 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 grand-daughter); 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; Jo Shackelford; Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum.

We pray for strength, comfort and the love of God for Melissa Inscoe and her family on the passing of her grandmother Ann Briley Bryant, age 94 who passed away Saturday, June 15, 2024.

## 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.)*

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, June 23**

10:00am                      Worship  
11:15am                      Disciples Class

### **Monday, June 24**

8:00am-3:00pm              Camp Sunshine

### **Tuesday June 25**

8:00am-3:00pm              Camp Sunshine

### **Wednesday June 26**

8:00am-3:00pm              Camp Sunshine

### **Thursday June 27**

8:00am-3:00pm              Camp Sunshine

### **Friday, June 28**

8:00am-3:00pm              Camp Sunshine

*Rev. Schieber will be on vacation from June 12 thru June 27. Our guest minister today is Rev. Michael McHarg*

## THE GOOD NEWS FROM HOPE STATION

In coordination with our Summer Food Drive, we are pleased to hear from Kathy Daughety, HOPE Station board member, in our worship today with a brief update. We give thanks for Kathy, other FCC volunteers, and all staff and volunteers who are vital to the mission of this valued community partner.

### *It is not too late to celebrate Christy's June 18th Birthday with a donation to* **BUCKS FOR BACKPACKS**

*The goal is 530 backpacks - 10 for each of Christy's 53 years in this beautiful world!*

*A gift of \$25 will provide one backpack and all the supplies  
a disadvantaged child will need to kick off the 2024-25 school year just right.*

*FCC is accepting donations in any amount through Sunday, June 23.*

*Enter **FOR CHRISTY'S BACKPACKS** on your check or in the online giving tool.*

*Happy Birthday, Christy!*

## SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Let's give **Hope Station, the Soup Kitchen, & CHEW** a boost this summer!

Food and Monetary donations are equally WELCOME!

Remember to enter **SUMMER FOOD DRIVE** in the memo field  
on your check or in the online giving tool.

*Most Needed Food Items:*

**canned tuna or chicken   peanut butter   healthy cereal   oatmeal  
applesauce   canned fruit in natural juice   100% fruit juices   rice  
canned vegetables (including low salt)   dried beans   canned beans  
spaghetti sauce   plain pastas & noodles (including whole wheat)  
pudding cups with milk listed as the first ingredient  
salt free foods   gluten free foods   sugar free foods**

*Place items in the wagons in the narthex or the education building.*

*Help & Hope Are Ours To Give!*

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## Composer Spotlight for June 23 | Mark Miller

In continuing to bring beautiful light on LGBTQ+ Sacred Music composers, this week the spotlight is on one of my favorites, Mark Miller. Again, like the others, Mr. Miller enthusiastically shared his delight in our sharing of his works and biography.

Mark Miller believes that everyone is a Child of God and that music is instrumental in healing the world. He also adheres to Cornel West's belief that "Justice is what love looks like in public."

Since 2006 he has been a Lecturer in Sacred Music at Yale's Institute of Sacred Music and Divinity School. Mark is Professor of Church Music, Director of Chapel, and Composer In Residence at Drew University in Madison NJ, and is the Minister of Music of Christ Church (UCC & Am Baptist) in Summit, New Jersey. Mark believes that music, social justice, and the beloved community are inextricably tied.

His hymns and anthems are sung by communities of faith throughout the world and are published by Choristers Guild, Hal Leonard, Hinshaw, Abingdon Press, Santa Barbara Music Publishing and others. Mark's popular compositions for pipe organ are published by GIA and Morningstar. His songbook "Roll Down Justice! Sacred Songs & Social Justice", was published in 2014 by Choristers Guild. His album, "Imagine the People of God", is available on iTunes.

In 2017 he was appointed to serve on the Hymnal Revision Committee of the United Methodist Church. Miller spends a portion of the year traveling the country, often with his band S2C (Subject to Change), leading worship and workshops, preaching and presenting concerts focused on creating community and advocating for social justice. Overseas he has led choirs and performed in Sweden, South Africa, Austria, Russia, and the Baltic states.

Mark is a graduate of Juilliard (M.Mus. in Organ Performance) and Yale University (B.A. Music) and was Assistant Organist and Music Associate at The Riverside Church from 1999-2001 and Director of Contemporary Worship at Marble Collegiate Church from 2002-2007, both in the city of New York.

When he's not working, Mark is home in Plainfield NJ with his husband of 28 years, Michael Murden. Their son, Keith, is a senior in high school and their daughter, Alyse, is a junior in college. Oscar the cat is in his 10th year of living.

To the glory of God and in God's service,  
Casey Childers