

**Service of Worship**  
**November 17, 2024 | 10AM**



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

# First Christian Church at Worship

November 17, 2024

† 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)

Gathering in Spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Scott Schieber

Chiming of the Trinity

Sharing the Light of Christ

Rylee Jones, Acolyte

Prelude

Casey Childers, organ

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** arr. Dan Miller

†Call To Worship

Alysun Skinner

Leader: We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

**People: We are the people who have been set free by the grace of Jesus Christ, and are therefore a people called to reach out to people whose lives cry out in need.**

Leader: We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.

**People: We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ by extending an invitation to mercy, community, and salvation.**

**All: *With all our being, we will praise God and tell of God's goodness through our acts of kindness and love.***

-a liturgy of the Uniting Church in Australia in Welcoming the Stranger (adapted)

†Opening Hymn of Praise

CH #86

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Vs 1 - Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever shall be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Vs 2 – Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain:)

Vs 3 – Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain:)

†Praying Together

led by Alysun Skinner

**Gracious God, in love You open wide the doors  
and welcome us into Your presence—saints and sinners alike.  
You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare—  
a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul.**

**We come with joy to meet You here, to eat and drink at  
Your table, to taste and see Your goodness, to celebrate Your  
grace and mercy in our lives.**

**May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers  
and petitions as we worship together in Your presence.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, Amen.**

Children's Moment

Rev. Schieber

*(Following the children's moment, children pre K—5th grade are invited  
to attend Children's Sunday School in the Education Building)*

Prayer Concerns

Kenneth Dildy

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Schieber

Special Music

Encounter  
Rod Werline, guitar

**'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus** arr. Casting Crowns

Scripture

Ruth 1:16-2:13, 4:14-15

Alysun Skinner

Sermon **Broken to Beauty** Rev. Schieber

Song of Devotion ***I Sing Praises*** CP #23

I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;

I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;

I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;

I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;

Invitation to Offering Rev. Schieber

Offertory ***How Great Is Our God*** Encounter

†Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; CH #46  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Blessing the Gifts Rev. Schieber

Invitation to Communion Rev. Schieber

Communion Prayer Kenneth Dildy

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 ***Here Is Bread*** CP #161

Vs. 1 Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us ; He is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine; Christ is with us here.

Chorus: In this bread there is healing; in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Vs. 2 Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Know His grace, find His peace. Feast on Jesus here. (Chorus)

Vs. 3 Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us; He is with us.  
We'll proclaim till He comes, Jesus crucified. (Chorus)

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

***Blessed Be the God of Israel***

CH #135

TUNE: AURELIA

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,  
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.

The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release,  
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace has come,  
a Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.

Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,  
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.

†Benediction

Rev. Schieber

Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

***Toccata on AURELIA*** arr. Robert Hobby

*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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## Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20 is the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance. At that time, community members and clergy will gather at Casita's Beer Garden at 8:00 pm to read the names of 65 people whose lives were lost prematurely due to their gender fluidity. This will be an Interfaith service of remembrance and hope.

## Let's take a walk!

Because I/we have grown in our faith and desire to walk with my/our church in 2025, believing in or power to live into God's purpose, I/we offer my/our commitment of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ *weekly or monthly or annually* (circle one, please) to the work and mission of First Christian Church. I/we share with joy from my/our abundance as a purposeful response to God's overwhelming goodness, which sustains me/us.

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Signed

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Date

It's not too late to make your commitment to the work and mission of First Christian Church. Just complete the form and place it in the offering, mail it through USPS, REALM, or drop it off at the Church Office.

## In Our Prayers

Keith Barnes; Jim Boswell; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms' son); Michelle Brooks (friend of Christy Webb); Tracey Brown and Tom Brown (friends of Robby and Ethan Boyette); Beverly Carter (Wendy Wingrove's sister-in-law); Allan Daniell; Julia Floars; Mary Louise Gray; Nell Griffin: Janet Harris (Laura Pritchett's aunt); Shirley Hayes (Kathy Proctor's stepmother); Mabel Hesmer (friend of Kathy Sandifer); Lynn Kyle (friend of Libby & Allan Daniell); Larry Mitchell (Gilda Cauley's friend); JoJo Near; Sue Newcomb; Wayne Perry; Judy Rains; Janet Robbins; Jo Shackelford; Tony Snider (Bob & Leslie Kendall's friend); Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum; Deanna Ujlaki.

Our prayers are with the family of Gaynelle Hayes, as she has found the eternal embrace of our Creator. Gaynelle, Gilda Cauley's aunt, passed away on November 11. She was 101.

## Homebound

Dalen Bottoms; Sherry Brenner; Hazel Byers; Gena Carter; Gilbert Ferrell; Nell Griffin; Elaine Hanna; Judy Harris; Wimpy Jefferson; Anne Sharpe; 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.)*



## Disciples of Christ Higher Education Ministry Offering

A special opportunity to provide an offering to the colleges and seminaries affiliated with the Disciples of Christ, will take place during service on Sunday, November 17th and Sunday, November 24th. This offering will help to support the continued educational growth of the Disciples ministry.

## 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!



*Welcome to FCC!*

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, Nov 17

- 10:00am Worship  
11:11am Sunday Morning Small Group  
11:15am Disciples Class  
3:00pm Compassion & Service Team Meeting

### Monday, Nov 18

- 11:00am Mobile Music Ministry with Anne Sharpe  
4:00pm Delta Cappa Gamma in Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, Nov 19

- 10:30am Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Encounter  
6:00pm Green Chalice Team Meeting  
6:30pm Chalice Ringers

### Wednesday, Nov 20

- 11:30am Young At Heart at Something Different  
7:00pm Chancel Choir  
8:00pm Transgender Day of Remembrance at Casita Beer Garden

### Thursday, Nov 21

- 10:00-11:00am The Arc of Wilson Play Group (Sunday School Room)  
10:30am Bible Study in the Parlor (last session)

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  
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Online: [www.fccwilson.org/giving-options](http://www.fccwilson.org/giving-options)

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