

Service of Worship
February 16, 2025 | 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)

Gathering in Fellowship Together

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Sharing the Light of Christ

Charlotte Sutton, Acolyte

Prelude

Casey Childers, piano

Tis So Sweet with Only Trust Him arr. Carolyn Hamlin

†Call To Worship

Jennifer McHarg

Leader: Come, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: Holiness present in the silent pulse of the earth beneath us;

Leader: Holiness present in the beating of the sun and stars;

People: Holiness present in the chorus of life, breathing together, even here in this room. Let the God of creation open us to the beauty in and around us in this hour of worship.

†Opening Song of Praise

All Are Welcome

CP #159

Chorus:

All are welcome, friend and stranger,
at the banquet of the Savior.

All are welcome! All are welcome here!

V1. From the woman who comes crying, leaving tears at Jesus' feet,
to the man who knows the right way but cannot see.

V2. From the ones who feel forgotten, those who sense their place is gone, to the
ones who live in hunger, here you belong.

V3. Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families,
tell about the splendid table, God's mercy.

Chorus: All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome! All are welcome here!

†Praying Together

led by Jennifer McHarg

Forgiving God, how can we stop responding in kind? The anxiety of being outplayed or beaten forever threatens to overwhelm us, and not without cause, for too much we see bullies left standing and the powerful holding the prizes. We have heard your commands to forgive however much it takes. We have heard your call to return good for evil.

We can hardly believe that it is in us to follow the way of Jesus. So, teach us to love with abandon and abundance, with passion and precision. Teach us to trust that the only capacity that can actually defeat evil is that power that seems so unlikely, the power of love. Amen.

Children's Moment

Jeannette Etheridge

(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. Mary Williams

Hymn of Prayer

Open Our Eyes, Lord

CP #44

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

Scripture

Psalm 1

Jennifer McHarg

Sermon Scripture

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Rev. Williams

Sermon

Destined to Prosper

Rev. Williams

Solo

Kris Skinner, soloist

A Hard Fought Hallelujah by Brandon Lake

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Williams

Offertory

Casey Childers, piano

Be Still, My Soul arr. Marilyn Hamm

†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. Williams

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Williams

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

Come to the Table Again

CP #13

V1. We're all welcome. We're all invited.
We're all loved ones, as we come to the table again.

Chorus:

Come on in to worship, Come on in and share God's love,
Come on in let's get together in the place that unifies us.

V2. We're all chosen. We're all God's children.
We're all hopeful as we come to the table again. (Chorus)

V3. We're all grateful. We're back from where we've been.
We're all able to come back to the table again. (Chorus)

V4. We're all welcome. We're all invited.
We're all loved ones, as we come to the table again. (Chorus)

Words of Institution

Rev. Williams

†The Lord's Prayer

led by Rev. Williams

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 Trust

Be Still, My Soul

CH #566

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall dwell with God forever more,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

†Benediction

Rev. Williams

†Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

Trumpet Tune in G by David Lasky

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*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.*

In Our Prayers

Keith Barnes; Martha Beland; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms' son); Allyson Branch; Paul Brewer; Michelle Brooks (friend of Christy Webb); Tracey and Tom Brown (friends of Robby and Ethan Boyette); Beverly Carter (Wendy Wingrove's sister-in-law); Gilda Cauley; Freddie Deans; Mary Louise Gray; Marion Griffin; Nell Griffin; Janet Harris (Laura Pritchett's aunt); Mandy Harris-Howell; Phoebe Hayes; Shirley Hayes (Kathy Proctor's stepmother); Alj Jefferies; Alex Johnston; Lynn Kyle (friend of Libby Daniell); Larry Mitchell (Gilda Cauley's friend); JoJo Near; Sue Newcomb; Wayne Perry; Brenda Proctor (mother of Christy Proctor); Evelyn Quinn (friend of Shannon and Sara Jones-Eatmon); Judy Rains; Janet Robbins; Kathy Sandifer; Jo Shackelford; Tony Snider (Bob & Leslie Kendall's friend); Jeremy, Amanda and Hudson Luke Sutton; Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum; Deanna Ujlaki.

Homebound

Dalen Bottoms; Sherry Brenner; Hazel Byers; Gilbert Ferrell; Nell Griffin; 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.)

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



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!

We Welcome Rev. Mary Williams

Reverend Mary H. Williams is a supply minister and Regional Elder with Christian Church Disciples of Christ. She believes that Jesus is Lord and faithfully serves the church. Williams retired in 2009 after a successful 35+ years career in education. She co-hosts the "God's Way" weekly radio ministry and is a member of the Community Clergy Team at ECU Health Hospital in Greenville. An active community volunteer, she provides administrative and spiritual support to several non-profit organizations that help senior citizens and youth. Rev. Mary enjoys AAU basketball and serves on her son's team as a chaperone. She resides in Tarboro with her husband, Jonah. The couple has three adult children, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law, and six grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys being with family, photography, reading, sudoku, and traveling.

From the Compassion and Service Team

THE RED TUB MISSION

The red tub is back in the narthex waiting for your gifts. Currently, the Compassion & Service Team invites your gifts of boxes of facial tissue (200 ct or more) for our friends at Hearne School and staple food items for the Hope Station pantry.

WHAT DOES JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY MINISTRY LOOK LIKE FOR DISCIPLES?

Over the next few weeks, the Compassion & Service Team will share a brief series of emails offering information about advocacy efforts associated with Disciples and ecumenical partners. To get in the list for these messages, email TerryShackleford@gmail.com.

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 16—Rev. Mary Williams, Guest Minister

10:00am Worship

There will be a Board Meeting in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

Monday, February 17

11:00 am Mobile Music Ministry with Hazel Byers at The Landing.

Tuesday, February 18

10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30pm Chalice Ringers

Wednesday, February 19

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 20

6:00pm Ladies Night Out at Pup's

Sunday, February 23—Rev. George Fuller, Guest Minister

10:00am Worship

11:11am Sunday Morning Small Group "What If Jesus Was Serious?"

11:15am Disciples Class

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship.

Pastoral Care

During this time of transition, should you need pastoral care, please contact one of our Elders. The Elder of the month is Christy Webb. The other Elders are:

Melissa Denton (co-chair), Phyllis Leary (co-chair), Christy Webb, Beth Williams, Mary Louise Gray, Jackie Clifford, Kenneth Dildy, Jennifer McHarg, Roy Henderson, Melissa Inscoe and Theresa Mathis.

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