

**Service of Worship**  
**February 23, 2025 | 10AM**



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

# First Christian Church at Worship

February 23, 2025

† 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

Jackson Childers, Acolyte

Prelude

Chalice Ringers

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*** arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

†Call To Worship

Pat Campbell

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits  
enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

**People: Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy.

**People: The King is mighty, he loves justice— you have established  
equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.  
(Psalm 99 NIV)

†Opening Hymn of Praise ***Come, Christians Join to Sing!***

CH #90

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise we with grateful choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can depend;

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing for ever more: Alleluia! Amen!

†Praying Together

led by Pat Campbell

**Help us remember, mighty God, that you are our all in all. You created us: we are yours. In your love, you have made us a little less than the angels. We praise and thank you this morning as we enter into worship with you. Touch us with your Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name, 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

Jennifer McHarg

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. George Fuller

Song of Preparation

***Here I Am, Lord*** arr. Arnold Sherman

Chalice Ringers

Scripture

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Pat Campbell

Sermon Scripture

Luke 6:27-38

Rev. Fuller

Sermon

**What Happens When Y'all Love Them All**

Rev. Fuller

Song of Response

***Jesus, What a Beautiful Name***

CP #59

vs. 1 Jesus, what a beautiful name,  
Son of God, Son of man, lamb that was slain,  
joy and peace, strength and hope,  
grace that blows all fear away. Jesus, what a beautiful name.

vs. 2 Jesus, what a beautiful name,  
truth revealed, my future sealed, healed my pain,  
love and freedom, life and warmth,  
grace that blows all fear away. Jesus, what a beautiful name.

vs. 3 Jesus, what a beautiful name,  
rescued my soul, my stronghold, lifts me from shame,  
forgiveness, security, power, and love,  
grace that blows all fear away. Jesus, what a beautiful name.

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Invitation to Offering Rev. Fuller

Offertory ***Give Me Jesus*** arr. J. B. Taylor 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 Rev. Fuller

Invitation to Communion Rev. Fuller

Communion Prayer Jennifer McHarg

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 Casey Childers, organ

Words of Institution Rev. Fuller

†The Lord's Prayer led by Rev. Fuller

**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.**

†Closing Hymn ***Amazing Grace*** CH #546

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but

now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
grace my fears relieved; how precious did that  
grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I  
Have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright  
shining as the sun, we've no less days to  
sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

†Benediction

Rev. Fuller

†Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

***Trumpet Tune in C*** 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.*

### ***We Welcome Rev. George Fuller***

Reverend George Fuller is an ordained Christian minister. He has served churches in North Carolina and Arkansas since 1977. He retired from the pastoral ministry after serving Wendell Christian Church in May of 2024. His experience as a caregiver for his parents and inlaws motivated and informed his passion for life planning. He completed his book, "Life Compass Living: A Guide for Growing Up and Growing Old Together" in 2021. Now he helps equip compassionate, resilient families, congregations, and communities. George is a certified Family and Financial Mediator and Certified Senior Advisor. He also has a doctorate focused on small group processes. He lives with his wife, Tammy, a retired elementary school teacher in Pittsboro, NC with their dog, Baxter. They have two sons, who are ministers as well, and six grandchildren who get much of their attention as of late. George loves playing guitar, singing, hunting, fishing, and time on the porch with family and friends.

## 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; 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.

Our prayers are with the family of Janet Harris, aunt of Laura Pritchett, who passed away on February 14.

## 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.)*

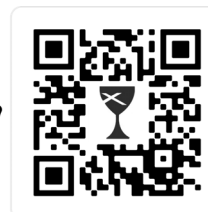
Tithes and Offerings are received with thanks and gratitude into the ministry of FCC! These gifts may be left in the offering trays or may be sent to:

First Christian Church of Wilson  
PO Box 2702, Wilson, NC 27894  
Online: [www.fccwilson.org/giving-options](http://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!*

## 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. Hope Station donations can go in the tub or in the wagon under the stairwell. Thank you!

### WHAT DOES JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY MINISTRY

#### LOOK LIKE FOR DISCIPLES?

These are challenging times! Great power can be exercised for good or for ill in our world. The united voices of those who cry for justice and compassion can make a difference. In coming weeks, the Compassion & Service Team will share a brief series of emails offering information about advocacy efforts associated with Disciples and ecumenical partners. [SIGN UP HERE](#) To get on the list for these messages or email [TerryShackleford@gmail.com](mailto:TerryShackleford@gmail.com). If you need hard copy information, text or call Terry @ 252 218 1371.

### MARCH BEGINS WITH WEEK OF COMPASSION

This year, FCC observes our annual Week of Compassion offering for the Disciples of Christ relief, refugee, and development mission fund March 2-9. This is our opportunity to wrap our arms around the whole world in the name of the compassion of Christ! Your checks or online giving will be received with joyful thanks and we also have coin boxes in the narthex, the back hall, and across from the office. They are powerful reminders that every little bit helps! (And, of course, you can stuff green cash in them, too, if you want! ☺) Fill your coin box and bring it in on March 2 or 9.



Keep on doing the things  
that you have  
learned and received and  
heard and seen in me,  
and the God of peace  
will be with you.

Philippians 4:9

Week of  
**Compassion**  
Special Offering 2025  
[weekofcompassion.org/2025](http://weekofcompassion.org/2025)

## Church Calendar

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

10:00am                  Worship

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship.

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

11:15am                  Disciples Class

### Monday, February 24

6:00 am                  FCC Ladies Night Out at Pup’s

### Tuesday, February 25

10:30 am                  Staff Meeting

5:30pm                  A Novel Idea Book Club in the Parlor

### Wednesday, February 26

7:00pm                  Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 27

6:30pm                  Elder’s Meeting

### Sunday, March 2

10:00am                  Worship

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

11:15am                  Disciples Class

## 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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