

Service of Worship
March 16, 2025 | 10AM
The Second Sunday of Lent

Lent



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Wilson, NC

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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)

Greeting

Chiming of the Trinity

Sharing the Light of Christ

Jackson Childers, Acolyte

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Dan Forrest

Casey Childers, piano

We Begin Together

†Opening Statement

Phyllis Leary

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge; do not let us ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver us.

Response: Incline your ear to us; rescue us quickly.

Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.

†Praying Together

led by Phyllis Leary

Christ our Redeemer and Friend, surround us with your Holy Spirit as we worship today. Fill our hearts with contrition for our failings, hope for our forgiveness, and courage to live lives changed by you. Touch us as individuals and as a church, that through our worship today, we might understand more who we are in your light and who we are becoming in faith; in your holy name we pray this, amen.

†Opening Hymn of Praise

Gather Us In

CH #284

Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
shadows of doubt are vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits in-flame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face.

We have been sung through-out all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in – the rich and the haughty; gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in the waters;
here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in buildings, small and confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
here is this place the new light is shining;
now is God present, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Liturgy of the Word

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)

Scripture

Acts 2: 42 - 47

Phyllis Leary

Sermon

"Church"

Rev. Jamie Brame

Anthem

Supplication by Linda Spevacek

Chancel Choir

Karen Mercer, American Sign Language

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
and desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our minds by the inspiration of your Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praying Together

Prayer Concerns

Theresa Mathis

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jamie Brame

Prayer Response

Make Us One, Lord

CP #82

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you. (repeat)

At the Table

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Brame

Offertory

Casey Childers, piano

How Deep the Father's Love for Us arr. Marianne Kim

†A Lenten Doxology

TUNE: HAMBURG

Doxology Text by G.W. Dub Shepherd
Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.

†Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Brame

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Brame

Communion Prayer

Theresa Mathis

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*(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. Brame

†The Lord's Prayer

led by Rev. Brame

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.

Depart to Serve

†Closing Hymn

My Jesus, I Love Thee

CH #349

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love thee, because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

†Prayer of the Elders

led by Theresa Mathis

Almighty God, give us direction and guidance as we open
our hearts and minds to receive a new spiritual leader.

Thank you for helping us create a caring and compassionate
congregation that feels like family.

We ask that you rekindle within us an underlying
gratitude of strength and hope.

Replace our uncertainty with clarity as we work together
in ways that demonstrate love and honor all people.

Guide us towards your truth and give us clear direction
for the future and new possibilities.

We pray you open the heart of the new shepherd being
called to serve our congregation and community.

Come Holy Spirit, hold us close, in your grace, comfort and divine wisdom.
Amen.

†Blessing

Rev. Brame

†Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

Toccata in g minor by Paul Fey

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Postlude Etiquette—As worship ends, it's not necessary for you to sit and listen to the

In Our Prayers

Keith Barnes; Martha Beland; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms' son); Allyson Branch; Michelle Brooks (friend of Christy Webb); Steve Brown; Tracey and Tom Brown (friends of Robby and Ethan Boyette); Beverly Carter (Wendy Wingrove's sister-in-law); Alice Davis; Freddie Deans; Mary Louise Gray; Nell Griffin; ; Phoebe Hayes; Shirley Hayes (Kathy Proctor's stepmother); 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.

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.)

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First Christian Church of Wilson
PO Box 2702, Wilson, NC 27894
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The red tub in the narthex is currently awaiting your gifts of:

Staple Food Items for Hope Station Pantry *see suggested list in the Bell*
Facial Tissue for Hearne School *200+ count boxes are ideal*

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Red Cross**



Red Cross Blood Drive



Wednesday, March 19, 2-6pm, Fellowship Hall

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org or call

Carol Steffa at 252-230-6965 to schedule an Appointment

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 16

10:00am Worship

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

11:15am Disciples Class

Monday, March 17

11:00am Mobile Music Ministry with Martha Beland at 2216 A, Chelsea Dr NW

Tuesday, March 18

10:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Encounter

6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

Wednesday, March 19

12:10pm Community Lenten Service & lunch at Howard Chapel
at Barton College campus

7:00pm Chancel Choir

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