

**Service of Worship**  
**April 16, 2023 | 10AM**  
**The Second Sunday of Eastertide**



Resurrection Painting by Alexandra Florschütz

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

# First Christian Church at Worship

April 16, 2023

## The Second Sunday of Eastertide

† *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

Christy Proctor

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Casey Childers, organ

***Holy God, We Praise Your Name*** arr. Michael Burkhardt

† Call To Worship

Patsy Ferrell

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Response: **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

† Opening Hymn of Praise

***He Is Lord***

CH #117

He is Lord, he is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

(repeat once)

† Praying Together

led by Patsy Ferrell

**Eternal God, who brought from the dead your son, Jesus,  
gather us together as your church in this place as we worship  
today. Focus our attention on the things that are of you. Holy  
Spirit, touch our hearts that we might worship in spirit and  
truth. Love us with your love that refuses to let us go; in Jesus'  
name, amen.**

Children's Moment

Jeannette Etheridge

*Following the children's moment, children pre k-3rd grade are  
invited to attend Children's Sunday School in the Education Building.*

Prayer Concerns

Todd Brame

Silent Prayer

*(please use this time to pray for each person on the prayer list,  
for our homebound, and for your personal concerns)*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Brame

*(at the end of each prayer section, the minister will say, "God in your mercy;"  
the response will be, "Hear our prayer.")*

Hymn of Creation and Nature

CH #696

***For the Beauty of Meadows***

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,  
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,  
for all you created and gave us to share,  
we praise you, Creator, extolling your care.

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,  
as creatures who hear your most urgent command,  
we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,  
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace,  
all nature around us is ours but on lease;  
your name we would hallow in all that we do,  
fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

Scripture and Response

Matthew 6: 5-8

Patsy Ferrell

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**This Strange Act Called "Prayer"**

Rev. Brame

Solo

***This Day*** by Bob Chilcott

Andrew Childers, soloist  
Casey Childers, piano

This day will you strength us. This day will you bless us.

This day will you lift us, visit us for good.

This day inscribe us for a happy, happy life.

This day hear our cry.

This day accept our prayer in mercy and favour.

This day support us with your righteous hand. Amen.

Invitation to Offering Rev. Brame

Offertory Casey Childers, organ

***The Strife Is O'er with Hornpipe*** arr. Robert Lau

†Doxology CH #46  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

†Blessing of the Gifts Rev. Brame

Invitation to Communion Rev. Brame

Communion Prayer Todd Brame

Music for Communion ***For Everyone Born*** Andrew Childers, soloist  
Casey Childers, piano

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table,  
for ev'ryone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for ev'ryone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy.

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.

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.**

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
 I know that He is living, whatever others say;  
 I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
 and just the time I need Him, He's always near

Chorus: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
 He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
 He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
 You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

In all the world around me, I see His loving care,  
 and though my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
 I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,  
 the day of His appearing will come at last. (Chorus)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
 eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
 The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,  
 none other is so loving, so good and kind. (Chorus)

†Saying the Prayer by The Elders

led by Todd Brame

**Almighty God, your love sets us free to truly love and grow.  
 Thank you for our church with its caring, compassionate, and serving family.  
 Kindle within our hearts, an underlying gratitude for strength and hope.  
 Give us the power to imagine our future and the courage to honor our past.  
 Help us build on our past, as we work together as one body.  
 Grant us wisdom and foresight to remain faithful during the course of our journey.  
 Raise up in a transformational pastor an inner longing to hear our call to  
 ministry. We delight in the leadership of your spirit, Lord, as you  
 consider the desires of our hearts for the one who shall be our  
 shepherd. AMEN**

†Pastor's Blessing

Rev. Brame

Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

***Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter*** arr. James Biery

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## Welcome!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today in person or online and hope the worship we share will prepare you for the coming week! We would be grateful if you would take a moment to provide contact information and/or feedback by email at [officestaff2@fccwilson.org](mailto:officestaff2@fccwilson.org) or calling the church office at 252-237-4125.

## In Our Prayers

Peggy Anderson; Melissa Balazsi; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms' son); Gena Carter; Allan Daniell; Sam Gray (Mary Louise Gray's grandson); Rev. Carnie Hedgepeth; Lynn Hinson; Emily Johnson (Myra Powell's mother); The Family of Ralph Kennedy, Jr.; LaRue Massey (Kathy Sandifer's friend); Shelton McNair, Jr. (Mary Louise Gray's nephew); Henry and Sue Newcomb; Isaac Perry; Jerrell Pritchett; Alesha Respass; Janet Robbins; J. C. Steelman (Theresa Mathis's father); Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum; Kathleen Ujlaki; Phil & Sue Winstead; Kristy Wisniewski (friend of Christy Proctor & Melissa Denton); Our Pastoral Search Committee.

## Homebound

Jim Boswell; Dalen Bottoms; Sherry Brenner; Hazel Byers; Gena Carter; Gilbert Ferrell; J.R. Gordon; Judy Harris; Nan Owens; Doug Ramsey; Lenore Smith; Alice Thomas; Charlotte Wallace; A.J. Walston; John and Mabel Whitley



## Law Enforcement United's Road to Hope

You can support Kendra Howell as she continues to participate in the Law Enforcement United's Road to Hope. This annual bike ride is in memory and honor of officers who have died in the line of duty. This year's Challenge Coin will be available at church for donations of \$20 on April 23. The coin features Wilson's own Captain Reggie Smith and money raised will support a college fund for his children.

The riders will be coming through Wilson on May 6 and will stop at First Christian Church for lunch. If you would like to help provide food and/or funding for the lunch, please contact Gilda Cauley at 252-236-1549.

## Announcements

- It is not too early to start thinking about summer camps! After having gone through multiple summers with the camps operating on limited schedules, both Camp Caroline and Christmount are preparing for a full complement of camps. Contact the church office or the Regional office for more details.

## Time off for Staff

- Casey will be taking some well deserved time off on April 20 thru April 24. Linda Walling has graciously agreed to fill in on piano and organ on April 23.
- Jamie will be in Black Mountain on April 27 through April 29 to officiate an interment.
- Jamie will also be away from the office on May 11 through May 16.



*Reverend Dr. Douglas C. Ramsey*

*Presents*

**GOD IS WAITING**

**FOR US – REDEDICATED ANEW**

*Today, April 16, 2:30 – 3:30*

*Parkwood Village Activity Center*

*\*Enter front doors, turn left, Activity Center is on the right. Sponsored by Young at Heart, 252-245-6836.*

## Church Calendar

### Today, April 16

10:00am      Worship  
11:00am      Disciples Class

### Monday, April 17

11:00am      Mobile Music Ministry at Jim Boswell's, 2202 Somerset Dr. N

### Tuesday, April 18

11:00am      Staff Meeting  
5:30pm      Encounter  
6:30pm      Chalice Ringers

### Wednesday, April 19

11:30am      Young At Heart at Something Different Café & Restaurant  
5:30pm      Kids and Youth Programs  
7:00pm      Chancel Choir

### Sunday, April 23

10:00am      Worship  
11:00am      Disciples Class

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Casey Childers *Organist and Minister of Music*

Charles Cauley *Interim Office Administrator*

Connie Farris *Financial Secretary*