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**REV. GINGER BRANDT**  
ASSOCIATE MINISTER

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### CONNECT ONLINE

www.fcctyler.org  
and on Facebook & YouTube



### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Live Sundays 9:30am  
In-Person, YouTube,  
Facebook

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Stream Sundays 9:30am  
YouTube, Facebook

## COMING SOON, AND *VERY* SOON TO CAMPUS

What do several thousand pumpkins, an empty children’s wing, and the return-to-the-room of our 2nd worship service have in common? Potential, plain and simple. In all these things lie fresh opportunities to be God’s church in the world and in Tyler, TX.

By now you know – surely you’ve heard – “it’s about more than a pumpkin!” We say this every year of Pumpkin Patch, and 2020 marks year 15. This church-wide event is a fundraiser, yes. And we stand to keep several thousand dollars in profits, to extend the budgets of youth and children’s ministry for mission trips, playground equipment and infrastructure improvements. But, we also use the activity as a chance to build ties across our church community, and connect with our greater community.

This year, our social motivations are especially strong, as the pandemic still limits our ways of gathering. Outside, in the Patch, you can be the face of our church for Tyler neighbors. You can make sales, make deals and make connections. Please, sign up to work a 3-hr shift, sometime between Oct 3 and 31. Then, come by, shop– and share our posts about Pumpkin Patch. In a season when many of us are itching to feel less isolated and to stretch our community-building muscles, this project has the potential to rally us all! **Continued on page 3.**



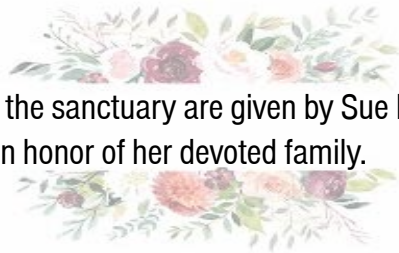
# SALES GOAL \$20K!

**THE MORE WE SELL,  
THE MORE WE KEEP**

FOR OUR  
**CHILDREN'S  
& YOUTH  
MINISTRIES**

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Prelude	“Simple Gifts”	arr. Held
	Jean Worden, organist	
Welcome		Dr. Chris Pulliam
*Passing of the Peace		
*Opening Hymn	“Break Thou the Bread of Life”	
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer		Amy Anderson
*Gloria Patri		
Giving Moment		Dr. Pulliam
Scripture Reading	Matthew 9:35-38	Laura Hedrick
Time of Prayer		
Special Music	“The Lord is My Shepherd”	Nick Sheffield
Sermon	June Bug Connection	Rev. Larry Gilliam
Communion Hymn	“Here at Thy Table”	
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		Don Cooper Amy Anderson
Spoken Affirmation	“We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and accept Him as Lord and Savior.”	
Invitation		
*Closing Hymn	“O How He Loves Me”	
*Benediction		Rev. Gilliam
*Benediction Song	“God Be With You”	
*Postlude	“Welsh Hymn Tune”	arr. Paxton
	Jean Worden, organist	



The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Sue McCuiston in honor of her devoted family.

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

### OPENING MUSIC

*Hold Us Together* (all sing)  
*Crowded Table* (sit & receive)

### PRAYER TIME

### MESSAGE

Atmosphere: Beliefs We Breathe in Here  
Romans 12

### COMMUNION

song: *North*

### OFFERING & BENEDICTION



### MESSENGER

Ginger Brandt

### MUSIC

Mike Hazeltine

### ELDER AT TABLE

Nancy Patterson

*So happy to see you  
again! Thanks for coming!*

### FOR OUR CHILDREN

- Nursery care, for babies and toddlers through age 3, is offered in our children’s wing from 9:15-10:45 am.
- Children’s church is a pull-out group of ages 4 through 2nd grade, that leaves each service with an adult escort, just before the sermon/ message time. Families can opt in/ out of sending children. The group travels to the Children’s Chapel and stays there through the end of services. Grown-ups: Please pick up in the Children’s Chapel by 10:30am.

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## Coming Soon...Continued from page 1

Next, as of Sept. 22's Board Meeting, we are full steam ahead with a new model of full-time childcare. FCC's ECC – or Early Childhood Center– is set to open Jan. 11, 2021, and we're now registering ages 6 weeks through pre-K.

We believe this full-time model – the ECC will be open 7 am to 6 pm, M-F – holds our greatest opportunity to serve, support and uplift local families. And we know, from plans already shared by new Director Amy Anderson, that an enriching, stimulating, faith-informed environment brings together what young children need and what church has to offer. As ECC's new slogan says, this is "a great place to learn & grow with God!"

YOU can help ECC reach its full potential by spreading the word that we are registering NOW. Click "like" on Facebook posts you see; share on your own feed; and share the phone number 903-561-7936.



Finally, we are BACK in person – not up-close, but definitely more personal! – in the Contemporary Worship space starting this Sunday, Oct. 4. I'm back from sabbatical, itching to preach to beloved faces, and jazzed to start a new sermon series called "Atmosphere," about the core beliefs in the "air" of Contemporary Worship. The band is back in fuller rotation and looking forward to an in-person crowd. All in all, we're relieved, excited, nervous and so READY to be a gathered community as well as a gathering-across-spaces community.

It may feel too soon for some of our Contemporary family, yet – and we respect that! – but we are also confident that we can meet safely, accommodate families, engage our kids, and pick up the weaving of ties that still bind us. Potential will abound in the room; we hope YOU will grab the opportunity to be there, too.

-Rev. Ginger Brandt

## DID YOU KNOW...

Last Sunday we had **84** in attendance in our sanctuary for Traditional worship. Through the week, we had **402** YouTube and **493** Facebook Traditional and Contemporary service views. Keep sharing the good news, FCC!



# IVING GROWING TOGETHER



## JOIN US FOR...

### CCSW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY: CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

You are invited to join members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest **ONLINE** for special worship and workshops, Oct 9-10. The worship content will be broadcast from FCC Tyler.

The theme for this event is “Crossing the Threshold”, Deuteronomy 6:4-9. We are living through challenging times but meeting them as believers together.

Visit [ccsw.org/ra2020](http://ccsw.org/ra2020) to learn more and to register. We especially invite you to tune in to opening worship, Friday, Oct 9, and 6pm, and closing worship Saturday, Oct 10, at 5:30pm. Both will be shot in Contemporary Worship.

**Meet the Workshop Leaders:**  
Saturday, October 10th

**Rev. Monique Craig-Spells**  
Bella Grande School, Fort Worth, TX  
Workshop: On the Threshold of Greater Connection: How DOC Communities in Unlikely Places Thrive

**Rev. Kyle Fauscherry**  
Bella Grande School, Fort Worth, TX  
Workshop: On the Threshold of Greater Connection: How DOC Communities in Unlikely Places Thrive

**Rev. Myron Gaines Sr.**  
Pastor at Washington, TX  
Workshop: On the Threshold of Being the "Bridge over Troubled Waters"

**Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Hancock**  
Bella Grande School, Fort Worth, TX  
Workshop: On the Threshold of Greater Connection: How DOC Communities in Unlikely Places Thrive

**Rev. Allison Lanza**  
Assistant Pastor, Bella Grande School, Fort Worth, TX  
Workshop: Church as Community

**Rev. Victoria Law**  
Bella Grande School, Fort Worth, TX  
Workshop: Crossing the Threshold into History of the Region: Economic, Racial, and Political

**Rev. Thomas McCracken**  
Bella Grande School, Fort Worth, TX  
Workshop: Crossing the Threshold at Half-Century: How you get there is 50

**Rev. Dr. Dawn Haggard (she/her/hers)**  
Bella Grande School, Fort Worth, TX  
Workshop: On the Threshold of Self-Care

**Rev. Dr. Leah Schade**  
Assistant Pastor of Worship and Ministry, Bella Grande School, Fort Worth, TX  
Workshop: Discerning Our "Threshold of Conflict"

**Rev. Tanya Tyler**  
Pastor, First Christian Church, Austin, TX  
Workshop: On the Threshold of Change: Taking the Big Step

**Rev. Dr. Dawn Weeks**  
LA Pastor, Community Church, Dallas, TX  
Workshop: On the Threshold of Living your Faith

### GENERATION GREAT LUNCHEON

Ages 55+, join us for lunch and a program Oct 15, at 11:45am in Disciples Hall. Coleman Swierc, with Better Business Bureau, will be discussing ways to help us become more savvy consumers. Lunch is \$6, please bring exact change. Any volunteers to help clean up would be greatly appreciated. Please wear masks and stick to “air hugs” until restrictions are lifted. We can only accommodate up to 60 people, so please RSVP by Thursday, Oct 8, at 4pm.

### DEAR CHURCH FAMILY...

I thank Dr. Chris Pulliam, Nancy Grant and each one of you for your prayers for my healing from the COVID-19 infection. I have been rehabbing for the last several weeks and gained back almost all lost weights. My strength is returning and I look forward to worshipping the Lord with you soon. Thanks once again for your prayers, cards and concern for my recovery.

~ Philip Chacko

### PRAISES

**Larry Gilliam** is back on staff as our new Minister of Connection!

Thank you to **Aston Francis**, who has stepped up as our Pumpkin Patch Manager this year. We are also happy to welcome **6 new cub scouts** (who are also planning on helping us unload pumpkins!).

### THIS WEEK, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Austin Covey, Jean Everett, Owen Brandt, Harfon Kemp, Alexandra Johnson, Brad Hall, Harold Wilder, Cheryl Nixon, Sue McCuiston, Harold Liverett, Peter Roach, Pam Sartain

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Ryan & Susan Soward

### PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS...

Richard & Doris Davis, Jennifer Diotallevi, James Hardage, Mary Lou Jones, Michael Lewis, Clark Nash, Ken Rice, Wayne Riddle, Karson Sword

### AND OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY...

Kristalyn Brewer (Lacy), family of Jeanette Kirk (Tosh)

### OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FRIENDS & FAMILY

**Johnny Wills** passed away Sept 29. Johnny's Memorial service will be held Sunday, Oct 4, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

### SAVE THE DATES

**OCT 13 - DEC 22**- Centering Prayer

**OCTOBER 31** - All Church Picnic

**NOVEMBER 1** - All Saints / Celebration & Commitment Sunday