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TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP SERVICE

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

CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP SERVICE

Stream Sundays 9:30am
YouTube, Facebook

BACK TO CAMPUS WEEKEND
OCTOBER 3 - 4

Two exciting developments are coming together, soon. Our Pumpkin Patch opens, and our Contemporary Worship Service re-enters the room!

On Saturday, Oct 3, we're expecting a full truckload of pumpkins at FCC at 9am. We need two rotating crews of "on truck" volunteers to offload them. (These workers will be in the truck, with masks, handling every pumpkin - but will rotate out for breaks about every 15 minutes.) And we need DOZENS of roving, around-the-grounds volunteers to move pumpkins from their staging area just outside the truck, to pallets set up around the grounds.

It's going to take considerable time to unload slowly and safely, adding in COVID considerations. That means WE NEED YOU! If your morning is booked, stop by (we may still be unloading). We also need folks to sign up for a selling shift later that day OR later in the month - we have lots of openings! Our 2020 goal is to start strong and to signal with a full day of action that our corner of Loop 323 and Broadway is open for outdoor visitors and usual fall fun.



We need you in another way on Sunday, Oct. 4. We need all who are able and available to help us "Return to the Room" in Contemporary Worship.

Both services will be open for in-person worship from Oct. 4 forward - but that date is an especially sweet return for Contemporary, after 2 summer months of going broadcast only, and after a big span of time away for me, plus 3 weeks back on the job juggling plans/schedules and technical requirements. My heart is more than ready for some real-life HUMAN CONTACT with you Contemporary folks! (In the temp-checked, face-masked, no-touch way to which we've acclimated, of course!)

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sign up to sell

pumpkins

at the patch



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Prelude	“At the Name of Jesus” Tricia Anderson, organist	Wagner
Welcome		Rev. Ginger Brandt
*Passing of the Peace		
*Opening Hymn	“We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations”	
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer		Marilyn Lacy
*Gloria Patri		
Giving Moment		Rev. Brandt
Scripture Reading	John 14:17-21, 25-27	Kyle Hill
Time of Prayer		
Special Music		Eli Love
Sermon	Dispatches from Sabbatical	Rev. Brandt
Communion Hymn	“I Come with Joy”	
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		Rev. Brandt Marilyn Lacy
Spoken Affirmation	“We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and accept Him as Lord and Savior.”	
Invitation		
*Closing Hymn	“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”	Dr. Pulliam
*Benediction		
*Benediction Song	“God Be With You”	
*Postlude	“Tuba Tune in Major D” Tricia Anderson, organist	Lang



The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Celia Flowers
in memory of Bill Burney



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

MESSAGE

Dispatches from Sabbatical
Week 3: Everything Changes

SCRIPTURES

Phil. 1:3-5
Ecc. 1:9-10

MESSENGER

Ginger Brandt

MUSIC

Mike Hazeltine

UP FRONT LEADERS

Jeanelle Maland

Lynn Pinkerton

Charlotte Orr



DID YOU KNOW...

Last Sunday we had **104** in attendance
in our sanctuary for Traditional
worship. Through the week, we had
557 YouTube and **645** Facebook
Traditional and Contemporary service
views +virtual attendees of the
Bill Hughes Memorial.

We also met **2** new guests!



WORSHIPING CARING SERV

BOARD SUMMARY

Our Board met Tuesday, Sept 22. At that meeting, the Board moved forward on two big items: 1) our Early Childhood Center and 2) our Search Committee.

It's official, FCC will open a new weekday children's ministry that we are calling ECC (Early Childhood Center). Amy Anderson is the Director of this full day children's educational ministry operating 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Mon-Fri beginning Jan 11, 2021 for children ages 6 weeks-Pre-K. Early registration for FCC members (and their grandchildren) runs thru Sept 30. Open registration for the community begins Oct. 1. Contact Amy Anderson for more information 903-581-7936 or amy@ecctyler.org (see page 4). Special thanks to our Ad Hoc Committee (ECC "Dream Team") Marilyn Covey, Anne DeWitt Kaye Kraus, Megan Jones, Cynthia Nance, and Susan Soward. These people will continue to work closely with Amy in the months ahead as we roll out our new ministry.

Second, the Board approved the following list of people to serve on our Search Committee for a Youth and Children's Minister: Grace Cockrum, Tiffany Damskov, Kyle Graham, Rebecca Grimaldo, Michal Kimball, Jim Lowell, Sebetha Jenkins-Booker, and Kyle Smith. Our number one scenario would be to find a minister to lead these ministries for us. We are also open to having a layperson...or perhaps 2 part time people. We covet your prayers that God will lead us to just the right person(s).

Our next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 8.



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SOME HELPFUL NOTES:

- Because it's smaller than the Sanctuary to start, the Worship Space holds even fewer people socially distanced. But get this: We can still safely, comfortably seat at least 60 – and that number is less than 50% of room capacity!
- Also, we invite you to use the double side doors (in the hallway that leads from parking to Disciples Hall, and go into the Children's Wing) for entry/ exit, to limit your crowd exposure.
- And that side of Worship is useful, also, to access nursery care and for children's church pick-up. Childcare for ages 0-3 will open at 9:15, and we plan to pull out, engage and keep children ages 4 through 2nd grade in our children's chapel, starting mid-service and lasting through the end.

Finally, we're still with you, hearts extended if you can't yet be with us in the room. Just know: Because the Facebook platform limits livestreaming to one event at a time, Contemporary worship will show up on You Tube as it happens, and will premiere on Facebook later in the same day.

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** October 10th (with pre-assembly education events on October 9th).

The theme for Assembly this year is “Crossing the Threshold”, Deuteronomy 6:4-9. We are living through challenging times but we know as the Christian Church in the Southwest Region, that together we can Cross the Threshold.

Visit ccsw.org/ra2020 to learn more about the pre-assembly events, workshops, speakers, how to register, a daily schedule, and more!

Meet the Workshop Leaders:
Saturday, October 10th

- Rev. Monique Crain-Spells**
Bapt. Church School Park Woods, TX
Workshop: On the Threshold of Greater Connection: How DOG demonstrates to uniquely relevant today.
- Rev. Kyle Faustberry**
Bapt. Church School Park Woods, TX
Workshop: On the Threshold of Greater Connection: How DOG demonstrates to uniquely relevant today.
- Rev. Myron Gaines Sr.**
Pastor of Westminster, TX
Workshop: On the Threshold of Being the Bridge over Troubled Waters.

Meet the Workshop Leaders:
Saturday, October 10th

- Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Housar**
Bapt. Church School Park Woods, TX
Workshop: On the Threshold of Greater Connection: How DOG demonstrates to uniquely relevant today.
- Rev. Allison Lanza**
Associate Pastor, Baptist Church School Park Woods, TX
Workshop: Church as Community.
- Rev. Virginia Law**
Pastor, Eastern Methodist Church, Dallas, TX
Workshop: Crossing the Threshold and Healing of the Broken: Community, Hospitality and Ministry.

Meet the Workshop Leaders:
Saturday, October 10th

- Rev. Thomas McCracken**
Bapt. Church School Park Woods, TX
Workshop: Crossing the Threshold at Full Circle: Healing and God's Love.
- Rev. Dr. Dawn Bassignon (she/her/hers)**
Bapt. Church School Park Woods, TX
Workshop: On the Threshold of Self-Care.
- Rev. Dr. Leah Schade**
Pastor of Park Woods Baptist Church, Houston, TX
Workshop: Discussing Our Theologies of Conflict.

Meet the Workshop Leaders:
Saturday, October 10th

- Rev. Tanja Tyler**
Pastor, First Christian Church, Austin, TX
Workshop: On the Threshold of Compassion: Taking the Big Step.
- Rev. Dr. Dawn Weeks**
Pastor, First Christian Church, Dallas, TX
Workshop: On the Threshold of Learning from Neighbors.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PRE-REGISTRATION

The early bird gets the worm! FCC members have first dibs from Sept 23-30. Register now and reserve your child or grandchild's spot to attend starting January 11, 2021.

FCC's ECC is “a great place to learn and grow with God”



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

send to: firstchristian@fcttyler.org

GENERATION GREAT LUNCHEON, OCT 15

Ages 55+, join us for lunch and a program Oct 15, at 11:45am in Disciples Hall. Coleman Swierc, with the Better Business Bureau, will be discussing ways to help us become more savvy consumers. Cost for lunch is \$6, please bring exact change. Any volunteers to help clean up would be greatly appreciated. Please wear your mask 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.

YOUR GENEROSITY...

Wow, FCC, you went above and beyond in generosity to Week of Compassion! To date, we have received \$4,290 to aid WoC in response to Covid-19 and Hurricane Laura in Louisiana. Thank you for your continued and ever generous support!

THIS WEEK, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Suzie Teegarden, Nancy Townes, Conner Burke, Ryan Wang, Patty Sims, Diana Patterson, Joey Holthus, Sebetha Jenkins-Booker, Paul Weskamp, Steve Hammack

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Clark & Barbara Nash

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS...

Richard Davis, Jennifer Diotallevi, Mike Flowers, Brenda Gilliam, James Hardage, Michael Lewis, Clark Nash, Margaret Perryman, Ken Rice, Carson Sword, Nina Sue Thornidke, Johnny Wills

AND OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY...

Kristalyn Brewer (Lacy), Gabby Hunt (F. Hunt), family of David Johnson (Rackley)