

**Get Connected** *Stay Connected*

**Your presence here matters.**

*connect*

Fill out this Connection Card and include it in today's offering. New around here? Address changes? Fill out what's relevant.

**Today's Date: September 8, 2019**

Your Name(s)

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

Email

*give*

Many of us give in ways other than putting money in the offering plate each week. Some of us give online at the church's website, or use our bank's online bill pay. Some of us make one large annual gift, or we fulfill our pledge by making a gift once a month. We give our time and our talents because all of our gifts make a difference. Note ways to participate on the reverse side.

Gold envelopes are available in the pews for any financial gifts you would like to give today. Place this card in the offering as a symbol of a gift you've made in another way.

## Opportunities for the Week of September 8-September 15

Today	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Board Meeting
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	10:00	Staff Meetings
Wednesday	10:30	Vintage Bunch Trip to Lake
	6:00	"Tai Chi Chuan &..." with Michael Gagliano in Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:30	Table Talk Serves Dinner at YWCA, 1807 E. Wendover Ave.
	7:00	Al-Anon Information Services in Conference Room
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Sunday	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	5:00	Harvest Dinner
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

### Vintage Bunch Trip to the Lake this Wednesday, September 11

The Vintage Bunch usually gathers at the church on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 for lunch and a program of entertainment, information, education, religious and social enrichment, interaction, and the occasional road trip.

Geared primarily to the interests and concerns of folks who are 50-55+ and young at heart but all are welcome. To kick off its fall programming, this group is heading to the lake on September 11. Meet at FCC at 10:30 a.m. to take the bus to the lake home of Jim and Laura Tebow. Please bring a side dish to share. Bus will return to FCC around 4 p.m.

### Church-wide Harvest Dinner next Sunday, September 15

All are invited to the Harvest Dinner potluck on Sunday, September 15. We hope you will bring a dish that incorporates locally grown foods, maybe even from your own backyard! It's not a requirement, of course. The Connections Team will provide a meat as well as drinks. Following dinner, youth and children's programs will kick off with activities for all ages.

### Serving Next Sunday, September 15

**Acolyte** TBD **Elders** George Manley and Faith Manley **Deacons** Emily Hill, Helena Epstein, James Thomas, Susan Cox, Kasey Bogan, Lewis Woodruff  
**Worship Leader** TBD **Greeters** Terri Drew and Bess Lamson  
**Children's Moment** Phil Miller **Children's Church** Amanda Desselles  
**Coffee Hour Host** Laura Tebow **Building Responsibilities** Bill Wiley

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# First Christian Church

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) • GREENSBORO, NC

Sunday, September 8, 2019

## Chiming of the Hour

**Gathering Music**

"Pavane"

Gabriel Faure' (1845-1924)  
Jazz Setting by Phillip Keveren

## Lighting of Candles and Processional

**\*Call to Worship**

JoAnn Tucker

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Come by Christ's invitation clear spoken.

**Many: We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken.**

One: Like tender flowers waiting for the sun,

**Many: We rise and open our souls to the Light.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"God Is Here!"

No. 280  
ABBOT'S LEIGH

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

JoAnn Tucker

**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, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Response in Praise**

"Gloria Creator Dei"

W. Faulkner

Glo - ry to God the Cre - a - tor! And to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be.

World with - out end. A - - - - men!

**Words of Welcome** Phil Miller

**Ministry Moment** CROP Walk David Barnette

**Scripture** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 JoAnn Tucker  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Moment** Phil Miller  
*Following the Children's Moment, children age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church. The nursery is available for younger children and is located on the first floor past the offices. Children's Church leaders: Laura Murray and Matt Murray*

**Prayers of the People**  
Preparation for Prayer No. 303  
"In This Time" SIVIS  
***In this time of quiet rev'rence, God, fill us now with everlasting peace, and may each and ev'ry day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.***

Pastoral Prayer Phil Miller

**Sharing Our Gifts**  
Call to Offering John Flynt  
Offertory *Our gifts support the ministry of this congregation, here in our community and around the world. The gold envelopes in the pews can be used for general gifts to First Christian. The connection card in this bulletin can also symbolize gifts made electronically.*

\*Response No. 46  
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDETH  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him\*, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Dedication of Gifts John Flynt

**Scripture** Luke 14:25-33 JoAnn Tucker  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "The Gift of Love" American Folk Tune  
Arr. by Hal Hopson

**Message** "Where Are Your Apron Strings?" Phil Miller

**Sharing the Feast**  
Communion Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 589  
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
Call to Communion Phil Miller

One: Our God is gracious.  
**Many: Our God is compassionate.**  
One: What can we give back for all of God's goodness to us?  
**Many: I will take in my hands the cup of salvation together with God's people.**

Words of Institution Phil Miller  
Prayer for the Bread and Cup Spencer Smith  
One: When we bless the cup of blessing, is it not a means of sharing in the blood of Christ? When we break the bread, is it not a means of sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake.  
*Christ, the host of this meal, invites all who love Him to celebrate His life among us. Eat the bread as it is passed; hold the cup to drink in unison.*

One: As one body with many members, we share the cup as one. Let us drink this cup in remembrance of Jesus Christ.  
*The cup is shared.*

One: We have taken into ourselves the signs of Christ's life and death and presence. So let us say, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me!"  
**Many: Amen.**

**Invitation to Discipleship** Phil Miller

**\*Hymn of Dedication** No. 546  
"Amazing Grace!" NEW BRITAIN

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Benediction** Phil Miller

**\*Postlude** "Concluding Voluntary" R.G. Thompson  
(c. 1800s)

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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*Prayer* Feel free to share Joys and Concerns:

- participate* Let us know your plans.
- I am on the Board and will be at today's meeting at 11:15.
  - I am praying for our church leaders and Discovery Team and our church.
  - Sign me up for the Vintage Bunch trip to the lake on September 11.
  - Fa la la la la... I'll be at choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7 p.m.
  - I can contribute a side dish or paper product for the meal at the shelter this week. (We'll be in touch with you!)
  - I/we will be at next Sunday's church-wide Harvest Dinner Potluck. #\_\_\_\_\_
  - I can help with setup or cleanup for the September 15 Harvest Dinner.
  - I am interested in walking in the October 6 CROP Walk.
  - In the coming weeks I will give financially to support the CROP Walk.
  - Other: