

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Libby Carpenter  
Clarissa Harms

Serving Diaconate

Charles Almond, Sylvia Almond, Joshua Berry,  
Shaina Berry, Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd, Ken Champlin,  
Brad Johnson, Shannan Johnson, Shane West, Jenny West

Diaconate Preparer

Sheila Murphy

Acolyte

Joshua Lee

Sunday School Greeter

Bruce Moon

Worship Greeters

Bruce & Marian Moon (Door)  
Trudie Edwards & Beverly Baxter (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

**Meeting the Christ Child**  
Joye Taylor (storyteller)  
Jenny Long & Annie Franklin (greeters)

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**Rev. Troy Tatum**  
Senior Minister

**Rev. Jan Watts**  
Minister of Music

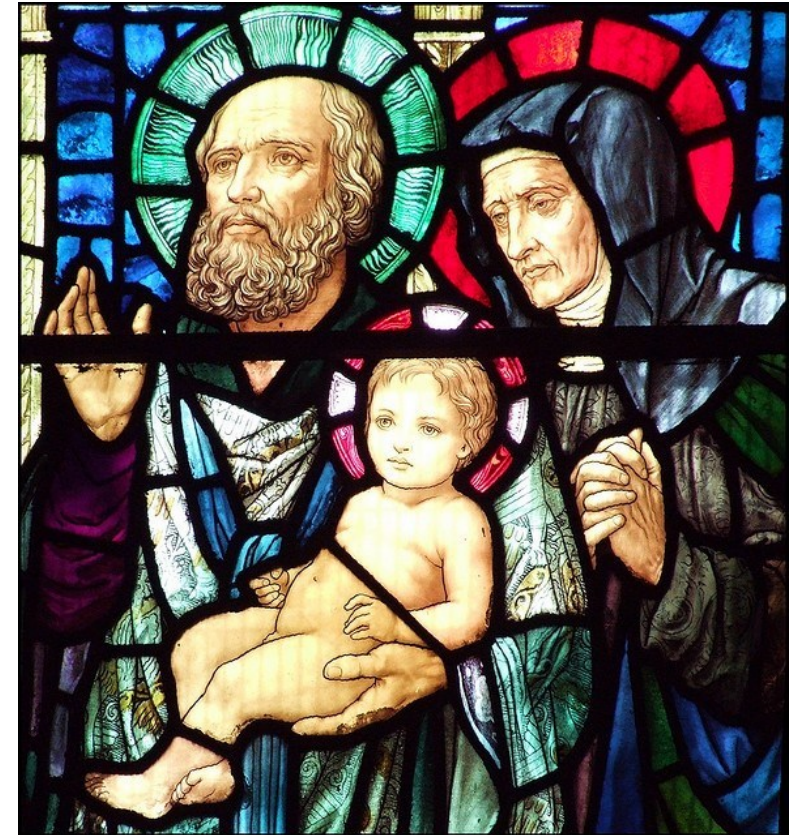
**Rev. Robin Blakemore**  
Minister of Discipleship

**David Brasher**  
Pianist/Organist

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

*"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"*



December 27, 2015  
First Sunday of Christmastide

# WELCOME

We're delighted you're here today, and we hope you'll find this to be a meaningful time of worship with a vibrant community of faith.

## NEW HERE?

If today is your first time visiting at First Christian Church, please be sure to stop by the welcome table outside the sanctuary so that we can give you a small gift to thank you for worshipping with us.

## CONNECTION CARDS

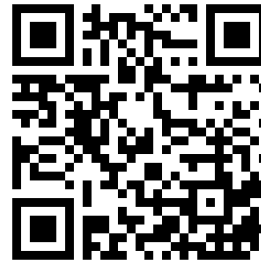
We ask everyone to take a few moments during worship to fill out the Connection Card included in this bulletin. You may place your card in the offering when it is received.

## WORSHIPPING WITH CHILDREN

Children age 3K through fourth grade are encouraged to participate in Worship and Wonder, a special worship and education experience designed just for them. Young people may leave the service for Worship and Wonder following "A Time for Children." Of course, children of all ages are welcome to participate in morning worship, and childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the church nursery for all or part of the service. Worship bags with activity sheets, crayons, and children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

## WAYS TO GIVE

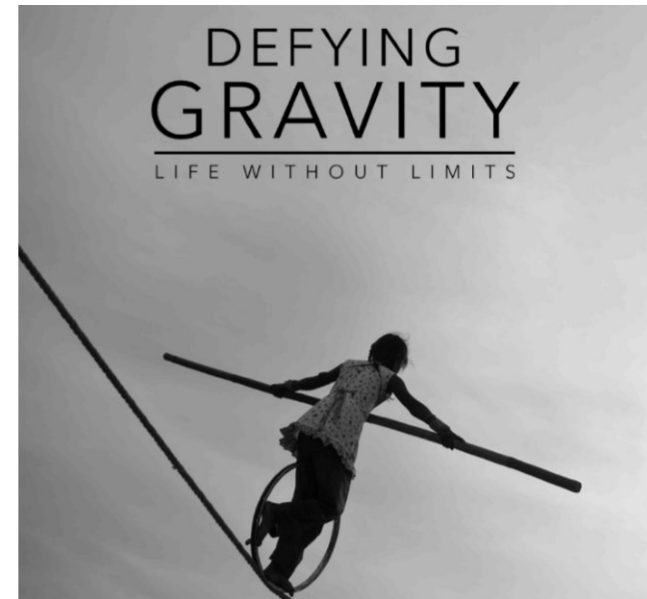
Thank you for investing your gifts in the mission and ministry of First Christian Church. Your act of worship through giving is appreciated. You can give in person by cash or check, or online by visiting [www.fcc-bhm.org/give](http://www.fcc-bhm.org/give) or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smart phone. You may also contact the church office to learn more about automated giving.



## GET IN TOUCH

[fcc-bhm.org](http://fcc-bhm.org) | [info@fcc-bhm.org](mailto:info@fcc-bhm.org)

office: 205-991-5000 | clergy on call: 205-295-6708



## NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JAN. 10

Rev. Troy Tatum will start the new year with a new sermon series, *Defying Gravity*, taking a closer look at some of the miracles of Jesus. If Jesus can heal the sick and calm the storm, imagine what he can do in your life? Join us starting January 10 to find out.

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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

While some church staff will be working at various times throughout the holidays, the church office will remain closed until Jan. 4. Should you need to reach a pastor while the office is closed, please dial 205-295-6708 to reach the minister on call. Rev. Troy Tatum will return to the pulpit next Sunday, Jan. 3.

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## REGIONAL YOUTH RETREAT

Join us for Youthtopia, our regional Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Chandler Jan. 22-24. Cost is \$110 per person. Registration forms are available from the church office or online at [www.alnwfldisciples.org/youth-ministry](http://www.alnwfldisciples.org/youth-ministry). Registration forms are due January 3.

## THIS WEEK

The church office and *the Adventure Nook* preschool and mother's day out will be closed this week.

## GET INVOLVED

### YOUTH GROUP RESUMES JAN 3

Chi Rho (middle school) and CYF (high school) youth groups will resume their Sunday evening schedule January 3 from 5-7 pm. Join us for a fun night of games!

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS OFFERED JAN 10

Are you new to First Christian? Wondering who we are? Would you like to know more? If you're just getting started, we suggest attending "New Beginnings" January 10 from 11:30-1:30. We'll gather after church for lunch and conversation with Rev. Troy Tatum and other key leaders. Designed especially for visitors and new members of our congregation, "New Beginnings" will help you learn more about the church and its ministries as well as the Disciples of Christ denomination. Contact the church office to sign up or Robin Blakemore for more information.

### CHILDREN'S GROUPS RESUME JAN 10

Bible Buddies and Cool Kids will resume their Sunday evening schedule January 10 from 5:00-6:30 pm.

### YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH & LEARN JAN 20

Young at Heart will host Jim Reed of Reed Books for our January Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, January 20 at 11:30. Join us for a wonderful time of food and storytelling.

## We Gather Before God

Prelude

*How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

Nicolai

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Blakemore

Leader: Rejoice! Merry Christmas to everyone!

**People: Merry Christmas to you also!**

Leader: Christ our Savior is born.

**People: God's Light is poured into the world.**

Leader: O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.

**People: Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!**

\* Hymn of Praise

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Red Hymnal No. 164

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Robin Blakemore

**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 and ever. Amen.**

\*Prayer Response

*Gloria Patri*

Red Hymnal No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

\*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Words of Welcome

Rev. Robin Blakemore

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A Time for Children

Rev. Robin Blakemore

*Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children's Worship & Wonder.*

Invitation to Present Gifts

Rev. Robin Blakemore

