

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

First Christian Youth

Kallie Blakemore, Linnea Blakemore, Barbara Carpenter,
Reagan Everling, Tucker Hagood, Carson Hall, Douglas Henze,
Thomas Jordan, Christian Lampley, William Mee,
Jacob Rich, Rachel Robb, and Maggie Stromberg

Elders on Call

Charles & Peggy Daniels

Acolytes

Lauren Blankenship & Dominic Mirabito

Sunday School Greeter

Jim Baxter

Worship Greeters

Regena Varvoutis (Door)
Trudie Edwards & Peggy Daniels (Sanctuary)

Nursery Volunteer

Jennifer Powell

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Minister of Discipleship

Twila Tyree
Substitute Music Director

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

A Word of Thanks

Youth Ministry would not be possible without the support of dedicated volunteers:

Joshua Berry, Shaina Berry, Stan Blakemore, Deb Carpenter,
Mae Margaret Davis, and Donnette Mee.

Thank you!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



November 6, 2016

Youth Sunday

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 the announcements. 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 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.



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COME "DECK THE HALLS" ON NOV. 20

On Sunday, Nov. 20, we will "Deck the Halls" from 4:30-6:30 PM, so come bring your family and a crock pot of soup to share. Praise Kids will rehearse at 4:30 PM and when they are done will have the opportunity to make a Christmas craft and to pack a Christmas treat for our Backpack Buddies at Vincent Elementary School. Grown-ups and youth will work on decorating the sanctuary, narthex, and other spaces for Advent and Christmas. At 6:00 PM we will share a meal of soup (with cornbread and dessert provided by the church) and the joy of experiencing the coming of Advent together. Make plans now to be a part of this special day!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC. 4

Hey kids...there is still time to be a part of this fun Christmas musical for children age 4k through 5th grade. We will present *The Christmas Present* after worship on December 4. We rehearse on Sunday evenings as part of our regular children's programming, and we would love for you to join the fun!

THIS WEEK

Today

11:30 AM: Bell Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM: Children & Youth

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The Adventure Nook Preschool and Mother's Day Out

Monday, November 7

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM: Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 8

Today the church will serve as a polling place for the general election; polls open at 7 AM and close at 7 PM.

10:00 AM: Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, November 9

11:30 AM: Young At Heart Luncheon (Reservations Needed by Tuesday)

6:30 PM: Choir Practice

7:30 PM: Cantata Practice

GET INVOLVED

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH & LEARN

Did you know the Wright Brothers' first attempts at flight were made here in Alabama? Join us on Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 am for a delicious lunch prepared by Jenny West and stories of the Wright Brothers in Alabama by Julie Williams, author of Wings of Opportunity. Cost for lunch is \$8. To register call the church office or email Robin by Tuesday, November 8.

A Service for the Worship of God

Prelude *Steal Away* African American Spiritual

*Call to Worship Carson Hall

Leader: In all our weakness and strength, with our youthful spirits and aging bodies,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours so

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: With our whole selves,

People: May we come to be your people today.

* Hymn of Praise *For All the Saints* Red Hymnal No. 637

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Jacob Rich

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.

*Passing of the Peace Rachel Robb

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

People: And also with you.

Words of Welcome Rev. Robin Blakemore

Please take a moment to fill out your Connection Card.

A Time for Children Linnea Blakemore

We will not have Worship and Wonder today, the nursery is available for anyone needing childcare.

Invitation to Present Gifts Thomas Jordan
Ushers: Barbara Carpenter, Carson Hall, Douglas Henze, William Mee, Jacob Rich, Maggie Stromberg

Special Musical Offering *Heaven* arr. Brasher

*Doxology Red Hymnal No. 46
**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication Tucker Hagood

Message “Journey Towards Faith” Christian Lampley

Hymn of Faith *You Are My Hiding Place* Red Hymnal No. 554

Time of Remembrance

Invitation to Communion & Words of Institution Barbara Carpenter

Prayer of Communion Maggie Stromberg

*We celebrate an open table; all are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction,
tearing off a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup.*

Communion Servers: Barbara Carpenter, William Mee, Maggie Stromberg, Reagan Everling

Anthem *When the Saints* Groves
Linnea Blakemore, vocals; Christian Lampley, drum; Troy Tatum, guitar

Message “The Best of Me” William Mee

*Hymn of Discipleship *Go My Children, with My Blessing* Red Hymnal No. 431

*Blessing Rev. Troy Tatum

*Benediction Reagan Everling

**May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious unto you
May the Lord lift his countenance upon you
And give you peace. Amen**

*Congregational Response Red Hymnal No. 261

**There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

*Postlude *The Christian Race* Mason

**All who are able please stand.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Charlie Powell on his 80th Birthday,
given by Sheila Murphy and his family.*