

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call	Steve Pasky Jill Pasky
Serving Diaconate	Charles Almond, Sylvia Almond, Joshua Berry, Shaina Berry, Robert Boyd, Faye Boyd, Ken Champlin, Brad Johnson, Shannan Johnson, Shane West, Jenny West
Diaconate Preparer	Sheila Murphy
Acolytes	Aiden Johnson Colton Chandler
Sunday School Greeter	Steve Pasky
Worship Greeters	Regena Varvoutis (Door) Trudie Edwards & Edith Carreras (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship & Wonder	How the Church Tells Time Leigh Ann Tatum (storyteller) Jennifer Powell & Jenny Long (greeters)
Nursery Volunteer	Kimberly Jones

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Minister of Discipleship

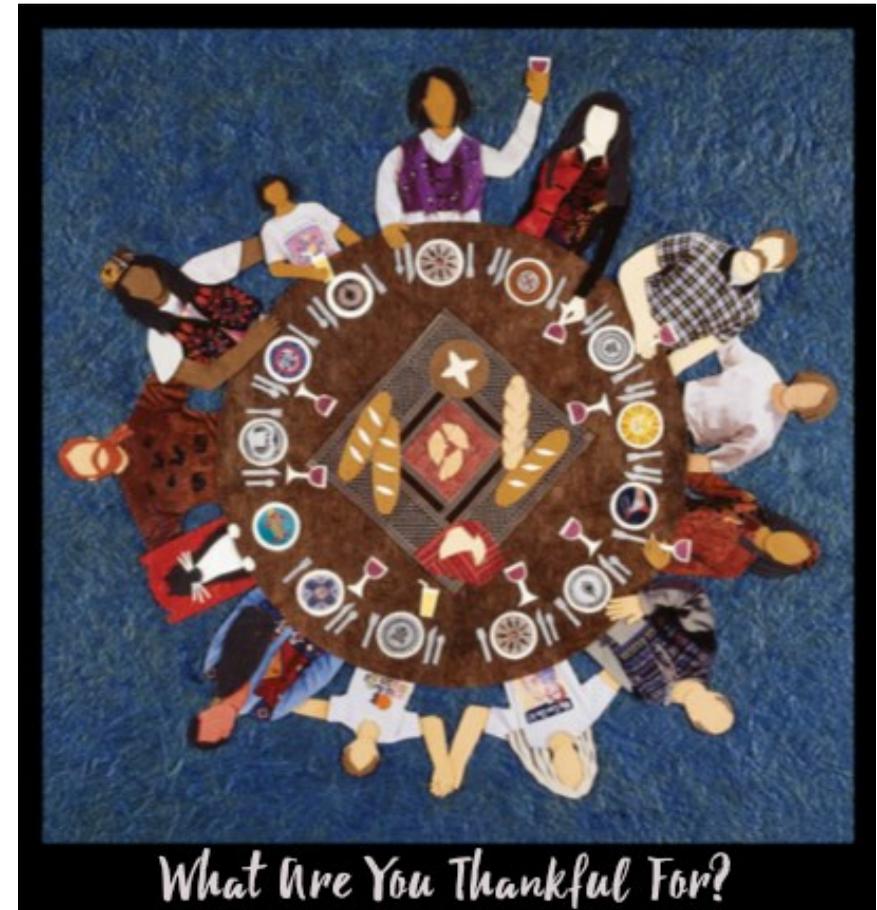
Twila Tyree
Substitute Music Director

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



November 20, 2016
Thanksgiving 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 "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 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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Nov. 27

Advent Begins

Join us in worship this Advent season as Rev. Troy Tatum preaches a new series of sermons entitled, "The Promise of Christmas."

Dec. 4:

Children's Musical & Fellowship Lunch after morning worship

Dec. 11:

Bell Choir performs in morning worship

Dec. 18:

Joy: A Christmas Cantata in morning worship

Open House at the Tatum's

Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum invite you to join them at their home for a Christmas open house. Feel free to drop in any time between 3 and 5 PM.

Dec. 24:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (5 PM & 11 PM)

The 5 PM service will be especially family friendly and will include a children's pageant (all children are invited to participate; no rehearsal required). The 11 PM service will be a traditional service of lessons and carols.

Dec. 25

Christmas Day Worship

Join us at 10:15 on Christmas morning for an informal worship service featuring festive music and communion. Kids, feel free to wear your PJs and bring a new toy for a special blessing. Please note, Sunday School and Worship and Wonder will not meet on Dec. 25.

THIS WEEK

Today

11:30 AM: Bell Choir
4:30 PM: Deck the Halls & Soup Supper
Praise Kids Rehearsal

Monday, November 21

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study
11:00 AM: Staff Meeting

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed



COME "DECK THE HALLS" TONIGHT!

Tonight 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. Come join us!

We Gather Before God

- Prelude *The Call to Serve* Kendall
- Choral Call *This is a Day of New Beginnings* Choir
- *Call to Worship Rev. Robin Blakemore
Leader: This is a time for giving thanks; a time to be mindful of the good that encircles us.
People: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!
Leader: Friends and family encourage and care, and this community shows us God's loving ways.
People: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!
Leader: We find a home in God's creation and the earth gives us good food to make us grow.
People: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!
Leader: The seasons change. Sunshine comes and goes, yet your loving care for us is eternal.
People: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!
- * Hymn of Praise *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Red Hymnal No. 718
- *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. Troy Tatum
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Invitation to Present Gifts

Rev. Troy Tatum

Special Music

Wonderful Name

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

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn

We Gather Together

Red Hymnal No. 276

Invitation to Communion

Steve Pasky

Prayer of Communion

Jill Pasky

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

This is the Lord's Table; all believers in Christ are invited. As the communion elements are passed, please partake of the bread and hold the cup so that we may share together after the congregational response.

Elder: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

Communion Music

I Worship You, Almighty God

Wood

Elder: In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

People: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Thanksgiving Medley

arr. Berry

Scripture

John 6:24 -35

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What Are You Thankful For?"

Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Respond with Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Let All Things Now Living

Red Hymnal No. 717

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response

Red Hymnal No. 528

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong";
let the poor say "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.**

*Postlude

Thanksgiving Joy!

Davis

**All who are able please stand.*