

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Bud Flora
Georgia Flora

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

Addy & Emma Taylor

Sunday School Greeter

Jim Baxter

Worship Greeters

Jim & Beverly Baxter (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

The Boy Jesus in the Temple
Tom Scales (storyteller)
Jennifer Powell & Susan Scales (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Hope Blankenship

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"



January 1, 2017
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 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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NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JAN. 8

Rev. Troy Tatum will start the new year with a new sermon series, *Life Comes At You Fast*. Often we use the new year to try to change our habits and attempt to take control of our lives, nonetheless most of us keep getting even busier, even more stressed, and even further away from the life we want to live. Yet Jesus has promised peace. Perhaps life with Jesus offers us a different path, and a quiet center. Join us starting January 8 to learn more.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday , January 3

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM: Staff Meeting

Wednesday through Thursday 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The Adventure Nook Preschool & Mother's Day Out

GET INVOLVED

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES JAN 8

Chi Rho (middle school) and CYF (high school) youth groups will resume their Sunday evening schedule January 8 from 5-7 pm. Join us for a fun night of games!

CHILDREN'S GROUPS RESUME JAN 8

Bible Buddies and Cool Kids will resume their Sunday evening schedule January 8 from 5:00-6:30 pm.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH & LEARN JAN 18

Young at Heart will host the "Showstoppers" for our January Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, January 18 at 11:30. Join us for a wonderful time of fun food and fellowship.

REGIONAL YOUTH RETREAT

Join us for Youthtopia, our regional Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Chandler Jan.20-23 Cost is \$125 per person. Registration forms are available online at www.alnwfdisciples.org/youth-ministry.

We Gather Before God

Prelude

Worth of Worship

Blankenship

*Call to Worship

Rev. Troy Tatum

Leader: Arise! Shine! Your light has come.

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: We have seen the star in the east, and we are following.

People: We remember God's wonder and promise, and so we worship.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and see: God's people gather together to open our hearts and sing your praise.

People: Come, let us adore him: Christ, the Lord!

* Hymn of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Red Hymnal No. 148

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Troy Tatum

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

Please take a moment to fill out your Connection Card.

A Time for Children

Ashley Chester

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

Invitation to Present Gifts

Rev. Troy Tatum

Special Music Offering *Mary Did You Know* arr. Burger

*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 Three Kings* Red Hymnal No. 172
vs. 1 & 5

Invitation to Communion Bud Flora

Prayer of Communion Georgia Flora

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 *Jesus, Name Above All Names* arr. Brasher

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

Special Music *Led By The Master's Hand* Lister
Gary Franklin, solo

Scripture Revelation 21:1-5

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Home of God" Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship *There's a Song in the Air!* Red Hymnal No. 159

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Benediction Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response Red Hymnal No. 167

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.**

*Postlude *King of Kings, and Lord of Lords* arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*