

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Carole Rudd  
Janet Bonds

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

Acolyte

Luke Williamson

Sunday School Greeter

Jim Baxter

Worship Greeters

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

Children Worship & Wonder

**Jesus Calls the Twelve Disciples**  
Julie Henderson (storyteller)  
Jennifer Powell, Hope & Eliza Blankenship (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Linnea Blakemore

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**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 29, 2017  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

# 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.



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On February 10-11 our church is hosting a spiritual and educational event sponsored by the Christian Church in Alabama and Northwest Florida. The weekend gathering begins with a worship service on Friday at 7:30 pm with Rev. Dr. Frank A. Thomas preaching. This worship service precedes the one-day Regional event for congregational leaders.

### *Guests and Workshop Leaders:*

Frank Thomas

*Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN*

Gilberto Collazo

*President of Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Indianapolis, IN*

Mark Benson

*Senior Minister, First Christian Church, Meridian, MS*

Dale Braxton

*Associate Regional Minister and Pastor, Snow Hill Christian Church, Mt. Willing, AL*

Jim Brooks

*Interim Minister, First Christian Church, Tuscaloosa, AL*

Shane Isner

*Senior Minister, First Christian Church, Montgomery, AL*

Troy Tatum

*Senior Minister, First Christian Church, Birmingham, AL*

These workshops will be aimed at helping church members/leaders face issues that may bring new vitality to the congregation. Workshops will start Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. The church will cover the registration fee for FCC members and friends, so please make every effort to attend some or all of this great event. Contact the church office to sign-up.

## THIS WEEK

### Today

5:00 PM: Children & Youth

### Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The Adventure Nook Preschool & Mother's Day Out

### Monday, January 30

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM: Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, January 31

10:00 AM: Ladies' Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 1

6:30 PM: Choir Practice

## MEMBER NEWS

### 2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2016 contribution statements for tax purposes are now available. In order to save on postage, statements were emailed to all contributors last week. You may also call the office if you would like us to print your statement, or if you do not receive your statement by email. Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of First Christian Church.

## COMING SOON

### SPAIN PARK BASEBALL TEAM TO JOIN US FEB. 5

We look forward next Sunday to welcoming players, coaches, and families from the Spain Park High School baseball team as they join us for morning worship.

## We Gather Before God

- Prelude *How Majestic Is Your Name* arr. Brasher
- Choral Call *I Worship You, Almighty God* Corbett-Wood
- \*Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum  
Leader: Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up.**  
Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
**People: No matter where I am, you are with me, even to the limits of the sea.**  
Leader: And so today I lift my voice in praise to you, my God and my Creator.  
**People: For I am fearfully and wonderfully made!**
- \*Hymn of Praise *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God* Red Hymnal No. 64
- \*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 Rev. Robin Blakemore  
*Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children's Worship & Wonder.*
- Invitation to Present Gifts Rev. Troy Tatum

Special Music Offering *Majesty* 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. Robin Blakemore

## We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn *Here, O My Lord, I See thee Face to Face* Red Hymnal No. 416

Invitation to Communion Carole Rudd

Prayer of Communion Janet Bonds

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 *Glorify Thy Name* 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 *Song of Thanks* Nagy

Scripture Exodus 20:8-11  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Running On Empty" Rev. Troy Tatum

## We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Hymn of Discipleship *Be Still, My Soul* Red Hymnal No. 566

## We Go Forth to Love and Serve

\*Benediction Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Congregational Response Red Hymnal No. 593

**Lead me, Lord,  
Lead me in thy righteousness,  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord,  
Thou Lord, only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.**

\*Postlude *O Worship The King* arr. Brasher

*\*All who are able please stand.*