

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### Elders on Call

Kathey Long  
Jill Pasky

### Serving Diaconate

Kallie Blakemore, Linnea Blakemore, Linda Browning,  
Deb Carpenter, Bob Frederickson, Bruce MacKenzie,  
Sue MacKenzie, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon, Madi Payton,  
Art Varvoutis, Regena Varvoutis, Barbara Wyrosdick

### Diaconate Preparer

Molly Springfield

### Acolytes

Colton Chandler

### Sunday School Greeter

Bruce Moon

### Worship Greeters

Bob & Janice Lamb (Door)  
Ginny White (Sanctuary)

### Children Worship & Wonder

**Jesus and the Children**  
Ashley Chester (storyteller)  
Jennifer Powell, Hope & Jenny Long (greeters)

### Nursery Volunteer

Kimberly Jones

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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"*



February 26, 2017  
Eighth 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

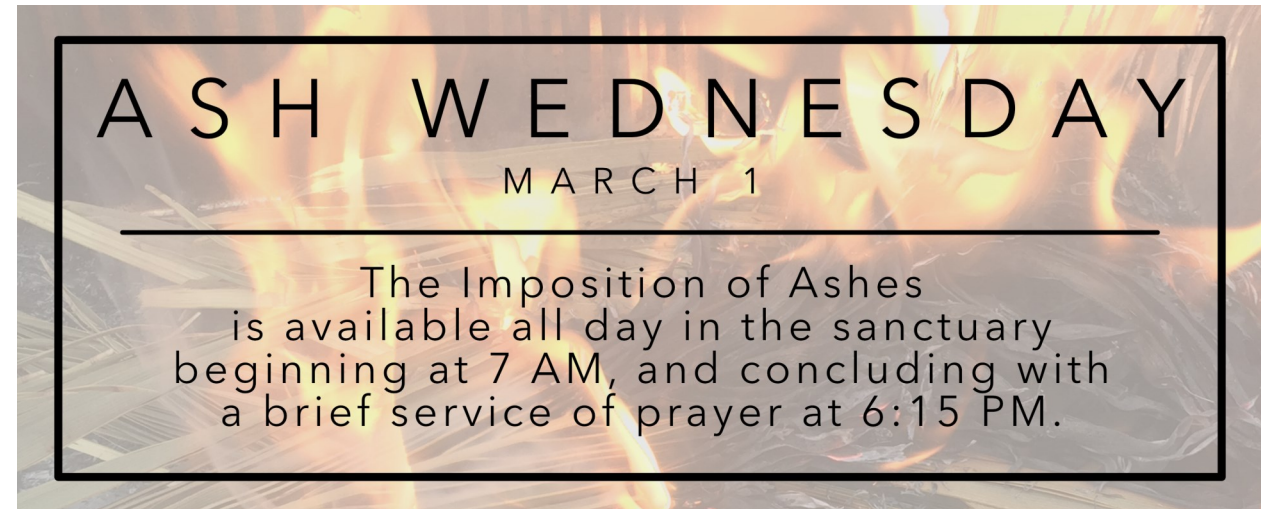
Thank you for investing your gifts in the mission and ministry of First Christian Church. Your act of worship through giving is appreciated. You can give in person by cash or check, or online by visiting [www.fcc-bhm.org/give](http://www.fcc-bhm.org/give) or by scanning the QR code to the right with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



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We invite you to make worship a priority this Lenten season by attending *Eventide*, our Lenten supper and worship services on Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, and April 5 (we will not meet the week of Spring Break). Following supper at 5:30 PM, we will worship in the sanctuary at 6:15 PM. Worship will feature singing, interactive prayers, reflections on scripture, and communion. We will receive donations to offset the cost of meals. Come join us for this special time of devotion and worship.

## THIS WEEK

### Today

11:30 AM: Mardi Gras Luncheon  
5:00 PM: Children & Youth

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

The Adventure Nook Preschool & Mother's Day Out

### Monday, February 27

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study  
11:00 AM: Staff Meeting  
6:30 PM: Mission Council

### Tuesday, February 28

10:00 AM: Ladies' Bible Study

### Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM: Imposition of Ashes Available in Sanctuary until 6 PM  
6:15 PM: Prayer Service  
6:30 PM: Choir Practice  
7:00 PM: Cantata Practice



God is most tangibly present in this world where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned. Christ claims as family members people who suffer. When you give through Week of Compassion to those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty, you let them know: You are here. With joy we receive our **Week of Compassion** offering today.

## We Gather Before God

- Prelude *He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need* arr. Brasher
- Choral Call *Everything I Am* Dyer
- \*Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum  
Leader: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.  
**People: Let our spirits be healed, our sight restored.**  
Leader: Come and let us worship with great joy.  
**People: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down.**  
Leader: God is about to do something new in our lives!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**
- \*Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Red Hymnal No. 16
- \*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. Robin Blakemore

Special Music Offering      *You'll Never Thirst*      Greathouse/Coleman-Mullen  
O'Donnell/Ryan

\*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. Robin Blakemore

## **We Offer Our Prayers With Love**

Pastoral Prayer      Rev. Troy Tatum

## **We Gather at Christ's Table**

Communion Hymn      *Take Our Bread*      Red Hymnal No. 413

Invitation to Communion      Kathey Long

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      *We Are An Offering*      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      *Be Still And Know*      Chapman

Scripture      John 4:5-42

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      "False Assumptions"      Rev. Troy Tatum

## **We Respond With Our Lives**

Invitation to Discipleship      Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Hymn of Discipleship      *Fill My Cup, Lord*      Red Hymnal No. 351

## **We Go Forth to Love and Serve**

\*Benediction      Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Congregational Response      Red Hymnal No. 39

**To God be the glory,  
To God be the glory,  
To God be the glory for the things you have done.  
With his blood Christ has saved me;  
With your power you have raised me;  
To God be the glory for things you have done.**

\*Postlude      *He Touched Me*      arr. Brasher

*\*All who are able please stand.*