

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call	Georgia Flora Bud Flora
Serving Diaconate	Barbara Carpenter, Carl Crosby, Linda Crosby, Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, Scott Long, William Mee, Jim Perkins, Bebe Randell, Ginny White
Diaconate Preparer	Ashley Chester & June Pryor
Acolyte	Dominic Mirabito & Lauren Blankenship
Sunday School Greeter	xxxxxxx
Worship Greeters	Shine & Virginia Guthrie (Door) Barbara Wyrosdick (Sanctuary)
Children Worship & Wonder	<b>Jesus &amp; Bartimaeus</b> June Pryor (storyteller) Jennifer Powell, Hope & Eliza Blankenship (greeters)
Nursery Volunteer	Kathey Long

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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"*



March 12, 2017  
Second Sunday in Lent

# 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.



## GET IN TOUCH

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## LENTEN SUPPER AND WORSHIP SERIES

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.

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## YOUNG AT HEART MARCH OUTING

The American Village hosts a Festival of Tulips in the Spring. Join us on March 15, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, for a day at the village, you can pick your own tulips, tour the grounds and we'll have lunch too (cost not included). Space is limited. To register email Robin. Cost of the trip is \$10, payable the day of the trip.

## THIS WEEK

### Today

11:30 AM: Ona-Ruth at Mings

5:00 PM: Children & Youth

### Monday, March 13

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

6:30 PM: Elders Gathering

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

The Adventure Nook Preschool & Mother's Day Out

### Tuesday, March 14

10:00 AM: Ladies' Bible Study

6:30 PM: Finance Council

### Wednesday, March 15

5:30 PM: Lenten Supper

6:15 PM: Lenten Worship

6:30 PM: Choir Practice

7:00 PM: Cantata Practice

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## New General Minister & President Candidate Named

At their meeting this week in Indianapolis, the General Board voted to forward the name of Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens to the 2017 General Assembly as the nominee for General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

A Disciple since young adulthood, Hord Owens is currently dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, IL.

## We Gather Before God

Prelude	<i>O Worship the King</i>	arr. Thallander
Choral Call	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	Choir
*Call to Worship		Rev. Troy Tatum
Leader:	We are here to worship the God of all creation.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We seek to follow in the steps of Jesus.</b>	
Leader:	Today, we begin a season of self-examination.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We begin our humble walk with God through Lent.</b>	
Leader:	May God empower us here with genuine righteousness.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>May we follow Christ wherever he leads.</b>	
* Hymn of Praise	<i>My Hope is Built</i>	Red Hymnal No. 537
*Invocation and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Troy Tatum
	<b>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.</b>	
*Prayer Response	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	Red Hymnal No. 35
	<b>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!</b>	
*Passing of the Peace		
Leader:	The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>	
Words of Welcome		Rev. Troy Tatum
	<i>Please take a moment to fill out your Connection Card.</i>	
A Time for Children		Rev. Robin Blakemore
	<i>Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children's Worship &amp; Wonder.</i>	
Invitation to Present Gifts		Rev. Robin Blakemore

Special Music Offering                      In Christ Alone                      arr. Craig/Koch

\*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                      Loving Lord, as Now We Gather                      Red Hymnal No. 427

Invitation to Communion    Georgia Flora

Prayer of Communion    Bud 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                      *Surely The Presence of The Lord*                      arr. Wolfe

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    *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*                      arr. Thomas

Scripture    Mark 1:9-13  
Leader:      The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon    "Who We Find in the Wilderness"                      Rev. Troy Tatum

## **We Respond With Our Lives**

Invitation to Discipleship    Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Hymn of Discipleship    *On Eagle's Wings*                      Red Hymnal No. 77

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

\*Benediction    Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Congregational Response    Red Hymnal No. 595

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

\*Postlude    *To God Be the Glory*                      arr. Pardini

*\*All who are able please stand.*

*The flowers are placed in the church today  
In Loving Memory of Bob Coupland, Luci Colee & Barry Storer*