

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### Elders on Call

June Pryor  
Joye Taylor

### 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

Colton Chandler

### Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

### Worship Greeters

Shine & Virginia Guthrie (Door)  
Barbara Wyrosdick (Sanctuary)

### Children Worship & Wonder

**Jesus & Zacchaeus**  
Ashley Chester (storyteller)  
Jennifer Powell, Linnea & Kallie Blakemore (greeters)

### Nursery Volunteer

Eliza Blankenship

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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 19, 2017

Third 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.



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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.

## THIS WEEK

### Today

5:00 PM: Children & Youth

### Monday, March 20

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

6:30 PM: Mission Council

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

The Adventure Nook Preschool & Mother's Day Out

### Tuesday, March 21

10:00 AM: Ladies' Bible Study

### Wednesday, March 22

5:30 PM: Lenten Supper

6:15 PM: Lenten Worship

6:30 PM: Choir Practice

7:00 PM: Cantata Practice

### Thursday, March 23

9:30 AM: Young At Heart

"Tiptoe through the Tulips" at American Village

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## We Gather Before God

- Prelude *Be Strong and Take Courage* Moen
- Choral Call *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Choir
- \*Call to Worship Rev. Robin Blakemore  
Leader: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.  
People: We are hungry for the Bread of Life.  
Leader: Feed us with your love and healing power.  
People: Lord, give us the bread of hope and provision that we may also feed others.  
Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.  
People: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love.
- \* Hymn of Praise *Lean On, O Cloud of Presence* Red Hymnal No. 633
- \*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. Robin Blakemore  
*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

*He Who Began a Good Work in You*

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\*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. Robin Blakemore

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

Communion Hymn

*Eat This Bread*

Red Hymnal No. 414

Invitation to Communion

June Pryor

Prayer of Communion

Joye Taylor

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

*Draw Me Close*

Carpenter

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**

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

Special Music

*Holy Ground*

arr. Larson

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"God Provides in the Wilderness"

Rev. Robin Blakemore

## **We Respond With Our Lives**

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Robin Blakemore

\*Hymn of Discipleship

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Red Hymnal No. 86

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

\*Benediction

Rev. Robin Blakemore

\*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

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Lillenas

*\*All who are able please stand.*