

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Carole Rudd  
Janet Bonds

Serving Diaconate

Kallie Blakemore, Linda Browning, Deb Carpenter,  
Bob Frederickson, Bruce Mackenzie, Sue Mackenzie, Bruce Moon,  
Marian Moon, Donna Penn, Paul Penn, Bob Smith,  
Art Varvoutis, Regena Varvoutis, Barbara Wyrosdick

Diaconate Preparer

Molly Springfield

Acolytes

Victor Dillon  
Colton Chandler

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

Darren & Julia Williamson (Door)  
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

**Abram and Sarai**  
Leigh Ann Tatum (storyteller)  
Katie Matthews, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Kallie Blakemore

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**Rev. Troy Tatum**  
Senior Minister

**Rev. Robin Blakemore**  
Associate Minister

**Rev. John Allen Bankson**  
Music Director

**David Brasher**  
Pianist/Organist

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

*"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"*



August 20, 2017  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

# 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 near the front doors 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

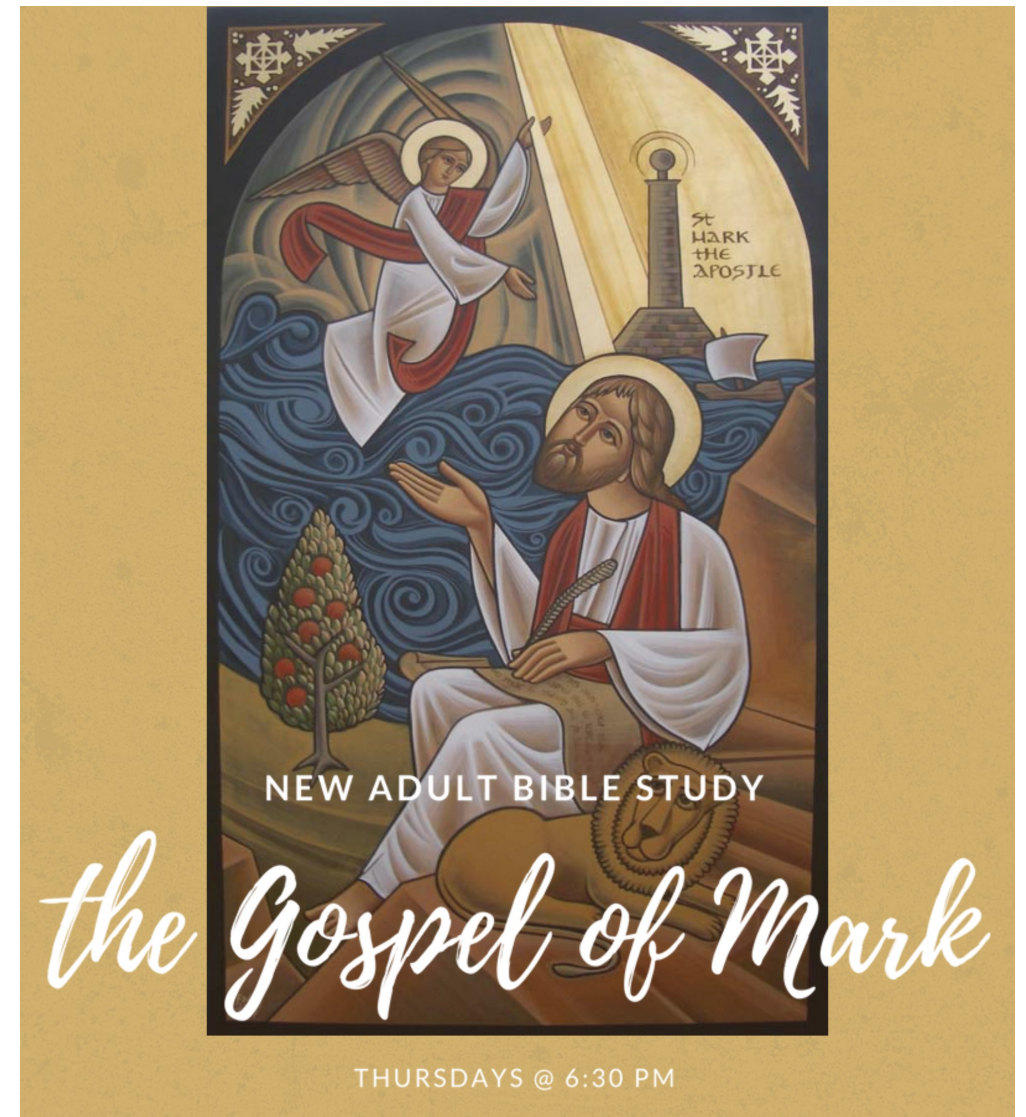
Thank you for investing your gifts in the mission and ministry of First Christian Church. Your act of worship through giving is appreciated. You can give in person by cash or check, or online by visiting [www.fcc-bhm.org/give](http://www.fcc-bhm.org/give) or by scanning the QR code to the right with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



## GET IN TOUCH

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## NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 6:30 PM on Thursday evenings as Rev. Troy Tatum leads a new 12-week study through the Gospel of Mark. You are invited to join us for an in-depth, discussion-based study where all perspectives are welcome. While we will work through Mark chronologically, there is no need to commit to every session; each week will be accessible as a self-contained study. There is no need to sign up, but please contact the church office to make childcare reservations. Come as you can and come as you are; all you need to bring is an open mind and an open heart.

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, August 21

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
11:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, August 23

6:30 PM Choir Practice

### Thursday, August 24

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

## GET INVOLVED

### ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolytes carry the light of Christ into worship on Sundays. It is a wonderful opportunity for school-age children to assist in worship leadership. We will have a training on Sunday, August 27 after worship for those interested in participating in this important ministry. For more information contact Robin.

### SHARING & CARING

All ladies of the church are invited to the August meeting of Caring & Sharing. We will have a Sensational and Simple Salad Supper at the home of Kathey Long on Tuesday, August 29 at 5 pm. For directions or other, call Kathey at 205-823-0252.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the school supply drive to support Vincent Elementary School! Your generosity is such a help to these kids and families.

## We Gather Before God

Prelude *Symphony of Praise* Mohr/Dennis

Choral Call *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

\*Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum

Leader: We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth;

**People: We are joined together in the communion of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: In the bonds of Christian faith, we yield ourselves to God,

**People: that we may serve the one whose kingdom has no end.**

Leader: Blessing, glory, and honor be to God forever!

**People: Blessed is the name of the Lord!**

\* Hymn of Praise *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Red Hymnal No. 66

\*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

Offertory Music

*I Worship You, Almighty God*

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

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Red Hymnal No. 321

Invitation to Communion

Janet Bonds

Prayer of Communion

Carole Rudd

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

*He Is Lord*

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**

Anthem

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*

arr. K. Lee Scott

Scripture

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Open Minds"

Rev. Troy Tatum

## **We Respond With Our Lives**

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Hymn of Discipleship

*Be Thou My Vision*

Red Hymnal No. 595

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

\*Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Congregational Response

Red Hymnal No. 494

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

\*Postlude

*We Will Glorify*

Paris

*\*All who are able please stand.*