

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Libby Carpenter
Ashley Chester

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

Luke Tatum
Riley Tatum

Sunday School Greeter

Bruce Moon

Worship Greeters

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

Children Worship & Wonder

Exodus
Joye Taylor (storyteller)
Katie Matthews, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Leigh Ann Tatum

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Associate Minister

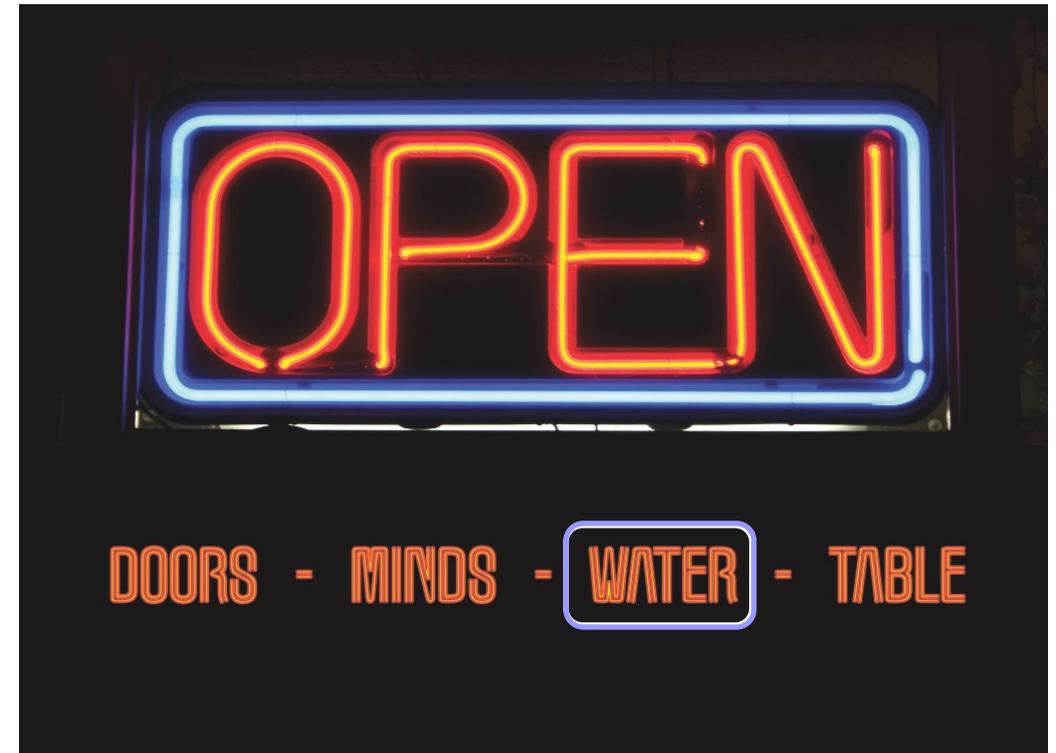
Rev. John Allen Bankson
Music Director

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



August 27, 2017
Twelfth 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

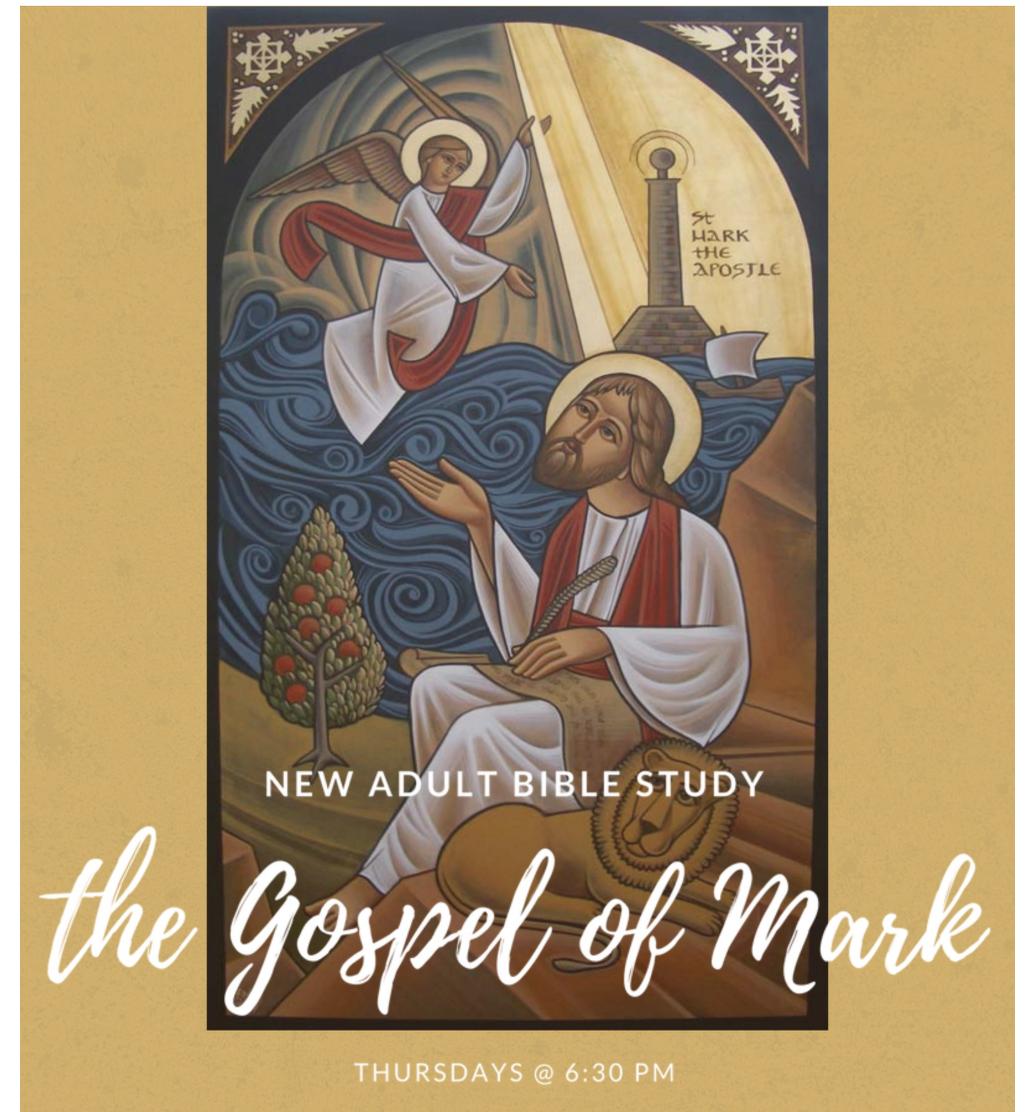
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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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 28

Office Closed for Parking Lot Repairs

Wednesday, August 30

6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, August 31

No Adult Bible Study

6:00 PM TAN Orientation

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 today after worship for those interested in participating in this important ministry. For more information contact Robin.

OUTREACH MISSION

The Outreach Mission will meet in the Farkas Room following worship this morning.

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.

PASTOR'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Rev. Troy Tatum will be away on vacation leave Aug. 28 through Labor Day, Sept. 4. Rev. Robin Blakemore will preach and lead worship in Troy's absence on Sept. 3. If you have a pastoral emergency while Troy is away, please use the clergy on-call line: 205-295-6708.

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH & CHILDREN'S FALL PROGRAMMING

Children ages 3K-5th grade will resume on Sunday, September 10. We begin at 5:00 pm with a snack supper, they have the opportunity to participate in Praise Kids, a musical group, and have fabulous leaders who play games, share Bible stories, make crafts and learn more about God's love for all of us. We will finish at 6:30 pm.

Youth in 6th – 12th grade join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm beginning September 10 for a meal, fun activities, Bible study, and more. It's a great time to grow together.

We Gather Before God

Prelude *What Can I Do?* Keen/Tunney

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

*Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum

Leader: Through baptism into Christ, we enter into newness of life.

People: We are made one with the whole people of God.

Leader: Through the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of ministry and the light of scripture.

People: We accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

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

People: Blessed is the name of the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise *We, Your People, God Confessing* Red Hymnal No. 356

*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

Offertory Music

Jesus Never Fails

Driskell

*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

Ashley Chester

Prayer of Communion

Libby Carpenter

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

Seek Ye First

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

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Open Water"

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Red Hymnal No. 365

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

Rise Up!

arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*