

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

June Pryor
Joye Taylor

Serving Diaconate

Charles Almond, Sylvia Almond, Joshua Berry, Shaina Berry,
Robert Boyd, Faye Boyd, Lisa Burdette, Ken Champlin,
Buzz DeVore, Nancy DeVore, Shane West, Jenny West

Diaconate Preparer

Sheila Murphy

Acolytes

Luke Williamson
Jefferson Bonds

Sunday School Greeter

Jim Baxter

Worship Greeters

Bud & Georgia Flora (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

Exile and Return
Julie Henderson (storyteller)
Mae Margaret Davis, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Hope Blankenship

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"



October 1, 2017
HOMECOMING SUNDAY

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 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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THEN SINGS MY SOUL

St. Augustine tells us that when we sing, we are praying twice. When we add melody to our praise, our hearts are lifted up to God in a way that only music can offer. When we sing our faith, our spirits soars. Join us beginning Oct. 8 as Rev. Troy Tatum preaches a new series of sermons on the message of the hymns we love so dearly.

COAT DRIVE

Our Annual Coat Drive has expanded to include mothers and children in temporary shelter/safe houses. Brand new coats, lightweight jackets, hoodies, etc. are not necessary for the moms, but gently used would be appreciated, too. There is a considerable need for women's plus sizes, but all sizes are needed. We are still concentrating on new & very gently used fall & winter wraps for the children. Thanking you for your generous hearts.

THIS WEEK

Today, October 1

10:15 AM Worship
11:30 PM Homecoming Lunch

Monday, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 3

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, October 4

6:30 PM Choir Practice

WEEK OF COMPASSION: HURRICANE HARVEY / IRMA / MARIA

Our thoughts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters who are dealing with the impact of these devastating storms. Many of you have asked how you can help. Please consider donating to Week of Compassion, where 100% of your gifts designated for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and/or Maria will provide immediate relief and long-term rebuilding in the days, weeks, and years ahead. You can place your donation in the offering plate or make a contribution online at fcc-bhm.org/give. Please make all checks payable to FCC and designate *Week of Compassion — Hurricane Relief*.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on Sunday, October 29 from 3-5 pm for Trunk or Treat. Sign up sheets are set up in the Narthex for anyone who is interested in decorating their trunk or baking goodies for the cake walk. You can also sign up online by going to the www.fcc-bhm.org homepage and clicking the Trunk or Treat link.

PASTOR'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Rev. Troy Tatum will be away this week on a sermon planning and preparation retreat. If you have a pastoral emergency while Troy is away, please contact the clergy on-call line at 205-295-6708. Troy will be back to preach and lead worship next Sunday.

BIBLE STUDY FALL BREAK

Rev. Troy Tatum's Thursday evening Bible Study will be on a fall break for the next two weeks. Bible Study will resume Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 PM.

We Gather Before God

Prelude *Oh My Soul* Hall/Herms/Nordeman

Call to Worship *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* AUSTIN

Spoken Response:
Leader: We come to you, O God.
People: We come to you, O God.

Sung Response (No. 353):
*Come to me, O weary traveler;
Come to me with your distress;
Come to me, you heavy burdened;
Come to me, and find your rest.*

Words of Welcome Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Praise *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 25

*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.

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 Will Rise

Giglio/Tomlin/Maher/Reeves

*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

I Come With Joy

Red Hymnal No. 420

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

Perfect Wisdom of Our God

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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

Scripture

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Joy In the Morning

Sleeth

Sermon

"Finding Our Way Home Again"

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Red Hymnal No. 261

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response

Red Hymnal No. 518

**This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.**

**For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.**

*Postlude

Mighty Power of God

arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*