

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call	Beverly Baxter Jim Baxter
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	Addy Taylor Emma Taylor
Sunday School Greeter	Steve Pasky
Worship Greeters	Bud & Georgia Flora (Door) Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)
Children Worship & Wonder	Service Project Leigh Ann Tatum (storyteller) Kallie Blakemore, Jennifer Powell (greeters)
Nursery Volunteer	Katie Matthews

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 15, 2017
NINETEENTH 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 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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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.

GRACE AT WORK

Join us for FCC's Grace at Work Day on November 11th. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am and return by noon. Childcare will be provided at the church. This will be a multigenerational event with opportunities for adults, youth, young children, and families to serve. Once we meet at the church, you and your service team will disperse to different work sites throughout Shelby and Jefferson counties. Sites will include Three Hots and a Cot, the Love-lady Center, a family project in the church gym, and community gardening locations. You can sign up for this event and choose your worksite by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the church Narthex or online beginning Sunday, October 15th. We look forward to putting Grace at Work together!

THIS WEEK

Today, October 15

10:15 AM Worship
3:00 PM Dr. John Hard Memorial Service
5:00 PM Children & Youth

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 PM Ministry Support

Wednesday, October 18

6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 19

6:30 PM Bible Study

CARING & SHARING

The Caring & Sharing group is open to all women of First Christian and their friends. Mark your calendar for the next meeting which will be on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 6:00 PM. We will meet at the home of Sandy Hamilton (3916 Cannock Dr. 35242) for "**Soup @ Sandy's!**" If you need a ride, contact Kathey Long (205-823-0252). Please join us as we gather together for CARING, SHARING, and PRAYING. We gain strength, lighten our loads, and relax. Hope to see you there!

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. Thank you for your generous hearts.

TECHNOLOGY FOR TAN

We would like to raise enough funds to provide The Adventure Nook teachers with two laptop computers and a school camera for daily use as they teach and work along side their students. Please help us by investing in the future of T.A.N. and in our children. If you would like to make a donation to help our cause, you can visit our Go Fund Me page at: www.gofundme.com/TANtechnology.

We Gather Before God

Prelude *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* arr. Roger

Words of Welcome Rev. Troy Tatum

Call to Worship *Psalm 8* Red Hymnal p. 728

*Hymn of Praise *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God* No. 64

*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 Kimberly Jones

Offertory Music *Where There is Faith* Simon

*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

Anthem

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn

We Come as Guests Invited

Red Hymnal No. 386

Invitation to Communion

Beverly Baxter

Prayer of Communion

Jim Baxter

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

Let Your Mercy Be On Us

Haugen

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

Hebrews 10:19-25

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Red Hymnal No. 86

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response

Red Hymnal No. 33

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!**

*Postlude

Do It Again, Lord

arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*