

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Clarissa Harms
Darren Williamson

Serving Diaconate

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

Acolyte

Jefferson Bonds

Sunday School Greeter

Jim Baxter

Worship Greeters

Barbara Wyrosdick & Ann Langley (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

Story from the Shelf
June Pryor (storyteller)
Hope Blankenship, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Mandy Clark

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"



November 5, 2017
TWENTY-SECOND 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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GRACE AT WORK DAY: NOVEMBER 11

Join us for FCC's Grace at Work Day on November 11th. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. 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 team will disperse to different work sites throughout Shelby and Jefferson counties. Sites will include Three Hots and a Cot, the Lovelady 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 Narthex or online by going to fcc-bhm.org.

LEGACY SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 19

We are excited to welcome Randy Johnson as our pulpit guest on Sunday, Nov. 19. Randy will be sharing a message with us about ways we can extend our faithful witness to God's goodness and grace into the coming generations.

Randy Johnson is vice president of the Christian Church Foundation's Southeast zone, which includes Alabama. Randy joined the Foundation in 2001 after serving congregations in both Ohio and Indiana. He is a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy and Certified Fund Raising Executive. Randy received his Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. He completed his undergraduate work at Grove City College. Randy and his wife Sandy are the parents of three adult children, and proud grandparents of two granddaughters. They are members of Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis, a congregation that Randy pastored prior to his ministry with the Foundation.

Please join us in bringing a warm welcome to Randy as he joins us for worship on Nov. 19.

THIS WEEK

Today, November 5

All Saints Day - Youth-led Worship

10:15 AM Worship

5:00 PM Children Activities

No Youth Activities

Monday, November 6

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 7

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, November 9

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Saturday, November 11

Grace at Work Day

DECK THE HALLS: NOVEMBER 26



On Sunday, Nov. 26, we will “Deck the Halls” from 4:30-6:30 PM, so come bring your family and a crock pot of soup to share. Praise Kids will rehearse at 4:30 PM and when they are done will have the opportunity to make a Christmas craft. Adults and youth will work on decorating the sanctuary, narthex, and other spaces for Advent and Christmas. At 6:00 PM we will share a meal of soup (with cornbread and dessert provided by the church) and the joy of experiencing the coming of Advent together. Make plans now to be a part of this special day!

We Gather Before God

Prelude	<i>Lord, What a Morning!</i>	arr. Berry
Call to Worship	Spoken Response: Leader: We remember, O God. People: We remember, O God.	
Choral Call	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Choir
Words of Welcome		Kallie Blakemore
*Hymn of Praise	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Red Hymnal No. 480
*Invocation and Lord's Prayer		Luke Williamson
	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.	
*Passing of the Peace	Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. People: And also with you.	
Announcements		Rev. Robin Blakemore
A Time for Children	<i>Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children's Worship & Wonder</i>	Rev. Robin Blakemore
Invitation to Present Gifts		Reagan Everling
Offertory Music	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i>	Walton
*Doxology	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.	Red Hymnal No. 46

Prayer of Dedication

Reagan Everling

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Andrew Everling

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn

I Come with Joy

Red Hymnal No. 420

Invitation to Communion

Kallie Blakemore

Prayer of Communion

Eliza Blankenship

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We celebrate an open table; all are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction, tearing off a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup.

Communion Servers: Eliza Blankenship, Andrew Everling, Reagan Everling, Luke Williamson

Communion Music

Some There Are Who by Their Living

Edwards

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Hopson

Scripture

Ephesians 1:9-14

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Stories"

Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Respond With Our Lives

*Hymn of Discipleship

For All the Saints

Red Hymnal No. 637

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Benediction

Reagan Everling

May the Lord bless you and keep you

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you

And be gracious unto you

May the Lord lift his countenance upon you

And give you peace. Amen.

*Congregational Response

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Red Hymnal No. 433

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;

But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*Postlude

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Smart

**All who are able please stand.*