

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

<b>Elders on Call</b>	Hugh Henderson Earl Strickland
<b>Serving Diaconate</b>	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
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Molly Springfield
<b>Acolytes</b>	Dominic Mirabito Lauren Blankenship
<b>Sunday School Greeter</b>	Earl Strickland
<b>Worship Greeters</b>	Barbara Wyrosdick & Ann Langley (Door) Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)
<b>Children Worship &amp; Wonder</b>	<b>Wondering Day</b> Ashley Chester (storyteller) Kallie Blakemore, Jennifer Powell (greeters)
<b>Nursery Volunteer</b>	Susan Scales

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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"*



November 12, 2017  
TWENTY-THIRD 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.



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## 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!

# THIS WEEK

## Today, November 12

10:15 AM Worship  
11:30 AM Ona Ruth  
5:00 PM Children & Youth Activities

## Monday, November 13

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
6:30 PM Mission Council

## Tuesday, November 14

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

## Wednesday, November 15

6:30 PM Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 16

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

## 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.

# We Gather Before God

Prelude *Bachiana On an Ancient Chorale* Young

Introit *Alleluia, Amen* HYFRYDOL

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!

**Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!**

Choir: Praise the Lord of all creation; praise God with a mighty voice.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!**

\*Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Red Hymnal No. 517

\*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 Linnea Blakemore

Offertory Music *I'm Gonna Live* 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

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

Red Hymnal No. 416

Invitation to Communion

Hugh Henderson

Prayer of Communion

Earl Strickland

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

*As We Gather Around the Table*

Blankenship

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

1 Timothy 2:8-13

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)*

arr. Burrows

Chancel Choir & Praise Kids

*Yesu, kwetu ni rafiki.*

Jesus, what a friend.

*Maombi asikia.*

Take it in prayer.

Sermon

"Unchained"

Rev. Troy Tatum

## We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Hymn of Discipleship

*I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry*

Red Hymnal No. 75

## We Go Forth to Love and Serve

\*Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

\*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

*Sheffield*

arr. Brasher

*\*All who are able please stand.*