

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Jill Pasky
Steve Pasky

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

Communion Preparer

Molly Springfield

Acolytes

Dominic Mirabito
Lauren Blankenship

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

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

Children Worship & Wonder

How The Church Tells Time
Leigh Anne Tatum (storyteller)
Kallie Blakemore, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Shaina Berry

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 19, 2017
THANKSGIVING 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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Dec. 3: 1st Sunday of Advent

Join us on this festive day as the handbell choir provides special music, the first Advent candle is lit, and Rev. Troy Tatum begins our Advent sermon series, "A Different Kind of Christmas."

Dec. 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

'Tis the Season, our family advent festival, will begin with morning worship at 10:15 AM, featuring a delightful Christmas musical from our children. We'll then move to the gym for a variety of games, activities, and crafts specially designed for "kids from one to ninety-two," followed by a delicious Christmas lunch and a chance to view nativities from around the world.

Dec. 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent

During morning worship we will present *Sing the Songs of Bethlehem*, our Advent cantata, featuring the chancel choir and a guest orchestra. From 3-5 PM that afternoon, Troy & Leigh Ann Tatum will host their annual open house for the congregation.

Dec. 24 (AM): 4th Sunday of Advent

Our morning worship celebration will feature special music, movement, and communion.

Dec. 24 (PM): Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

The 5 PM service will be especially family friendly and will include a children's pageant (all children are invited to participate; no rehearsal required). The 11 PM service will be a traditional service of lessons and carols.

Dec. 31: Christmastide

Our college students will return to lead worship as Rev. Robin Blakemore preaches.

*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

We Gather Together

Red Hymnal No. 276

Invitation to Communion

Jill Pasky

Prayer of Communion

Steve Pasky

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

Commune With Me/ We Remember You

Tornquist

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

John 6:1-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Softly and Tenderly
John Allen Bankson, Baritone

R. Brown

Sermon

"Holding On for Dear Life"

Rev. Randy Johnson

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Let All Things Now Living

Red Hymnal No. 717

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

Thanksgiving Joy

Davis

**All who are able please stand.*