

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Bud Flora
Georgia Flora

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

Victor Dillon
Colton Chandler

Sunday School Greeter

Bruce Moon

Worship Greeters

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

Children Worship & Wonder

The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem
Leigh Ann Tatum (storyteller)
Katie Matthews, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Kimberly Jones

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Associate Minister

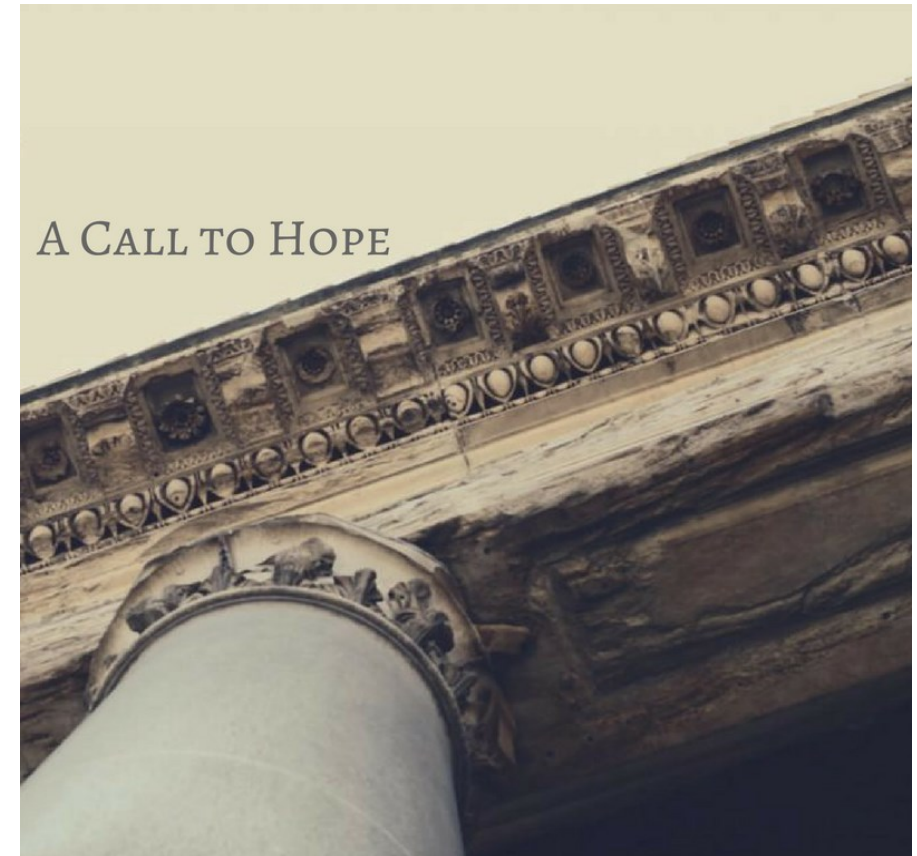
Rev. John Allen Bankson
Music Director

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



November 26, 2017
TWENTY-FIFTH 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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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.

THIS WEEK

Today, November 26

10:15 AM Worship
4:30 PM Deck the Halls

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, November 29

6:30 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, December 2

11:00 AM Dr. David Hamilton Memorial

DECK THE HALLS: TODAY

We will "Deck the Halls" from 4:30-6:30 PM, so bring your family and a crock pot of soup to share. Nursery will be provided. Praise Kids will rehearse at 4:30 PM and then will have the opportunity to make a Christmas craft. Adults and youth will decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. At 6 PM we will share a meal of soup (cornbread and dessert provided by the church) and the joy of experiencing the coming of Advent together.

THE ADVENTURE NOOK CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & SILENT AUCTION

The Adventure Nook Christmas Program & Silent Auction will be Tuesday evening, **December 5**. The children have put together a special program and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments and silent auction will follow. The silent auction will open for bidding in the gym Sunday, **December 3** for anyone that would like to participate.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

To purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please sign-up in the narthex. The cost is \$20 per plant and checks should be made payable to FCC with "poinsettia" noted in the memo field. They will be delivered for use in worship on Dec. 17, and may be picked up following worship on Christmas Eve.

We Gather Before God

Prelude	<i>Processional for a Joyful Day</i>	Wood
Introit	<i>Alleluia, Amen</i>	<i>Hyfrydol</i>
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	<i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i>	Red Hymnal No. 67
*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	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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
	<i>Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children's Worship & Wonder</i>	
Invitation to Present Gifts		Rev. Robin Blakemore
Offertory Music	<i>The Gift</i>	Burger

*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

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Red Hymnal No. 718

Invitation to Communion

Bud Flora

Prayer of Communion

Georgia Flora

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

Cantilena

Paxton

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

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Psalm 100

Hopson

Sermon

"A Call to Hope"

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Jesus Shall Reign

Red Hymnal No. 95

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

Postscript on a Hymn Tune

Martin

**All who are able please stand.*