

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Bud Flora
Georgia Flora

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

Communion Preparer

Sheila Murphy

Acolyte

Victor Dillon
Luke Tatum

Sunday School Greeter

Jim Baxter

Worship Greeters

Bob & Lynn Frederickson (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

Jesus is Risen
Julie Henderson (storyteller)
Leigh Ann Tatum, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Kallie Blakemore

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Associate Minister

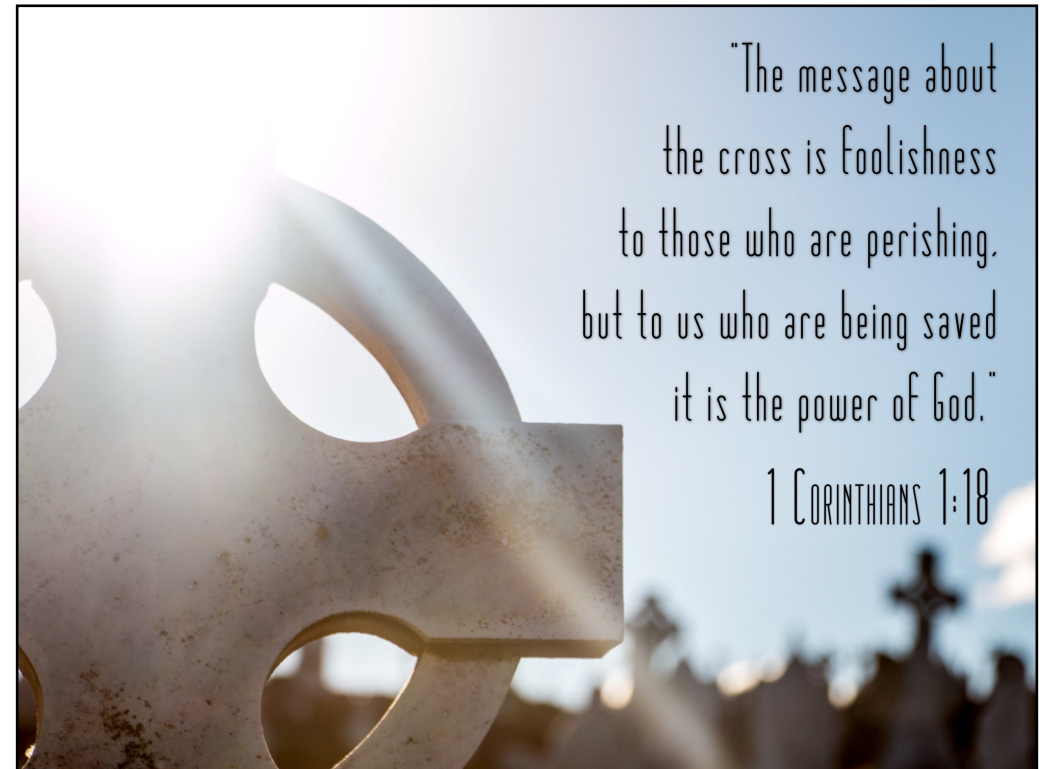
Rev. John Allen Bankson
Music Director

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



April 1, 2018
Easter 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 outside the sanctuary 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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THIS WEEK

Today, April 1

8:00 AM Outdoor Worship & Continental Breakfast

10:15 AM Morning Worship

No Afternoon & Evening Activities

Monday, April 2

Office Closed for Easter

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 3

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, April 4

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



KID-LED WORSHIP: SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Join us for a wonderful morning of worship as our children lead us through prayer, drama, dance, and song. Our children have been hard at work preparing to share their gifts in leadership, and you won't want to miss this special worship experience!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 9-13, 2018

Mark your calendars, and make plans to join us for this exciting week of VBS!

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Benediction Rev. Troy Tatum

*Recessional Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Red Hymnal No. 91
(vs. 1 & 5)

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.**

*Postlude *Christ Arose* arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*

A special thanks to our brass quintet from Spain Park High School:

Audra Campbell

Nick Cherry

Danielle Duggan

Daryl Perkins

Sarah Williams

We Gather Before God

Prelude *I've Just Seen Jesus* Knight

Introit *Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ* Richard Hillert

*Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum

*Processional Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Red Hymnal No. 216

*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 Rev. Robin Blakemore

Offertory Anthem *Easter Anthem (Christ the Lord Is Risen Indeed)* William Billings

*Doxology Red Hymnal No. 49

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

In Remembrance of Me

Red Hymnal No. 403

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

I'd Rather Have Jesus

arr. Brasher

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 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

Organ, Brass Ensemble, Timpani, Congregation

Stanza 4 (Congregation and Choir):

4. Look there! the Christ, our Broth-er, comes re-splen-dent from the gal-lows tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

Refrain

Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day's dawn-ing!

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Repeat Refrain

Sermon

"A Day for Fools"

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!