

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

June Pryor
Joye Taylor

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

Sunday School Greeter

Earl Strickland

Worship Greeters

Ann Langley (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Nursery Volunteer

Katie Matthews

Little Lambs

Brinley Berry, Evie Ford, Ray Jones, Caleb Matthews,
Willow Welborn, Ja'Quan Williams

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 8, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

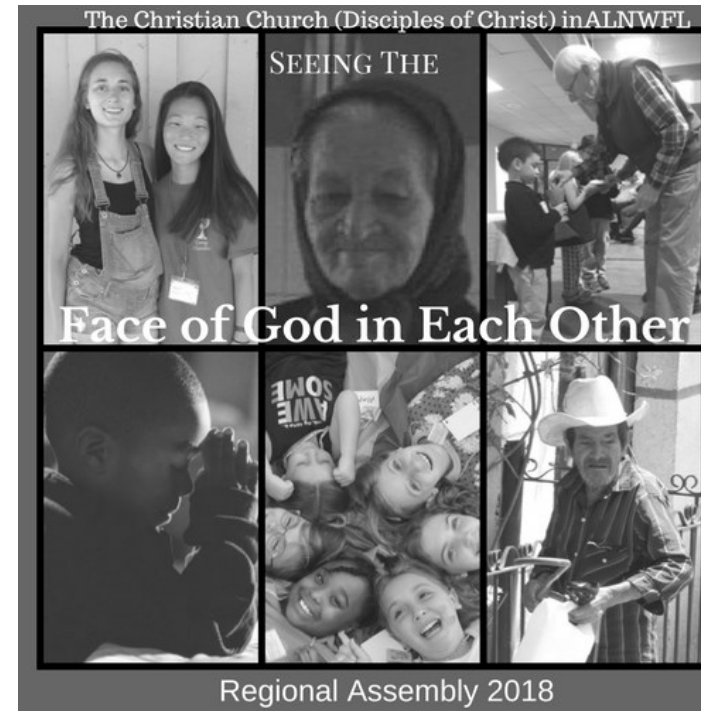
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The 2018 Regional Assembly for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Alabama-Northwest Florida will be April 27 - 29 at Valley Christian Church in Birmingham. We are excited to hear a message from Rev. Terri Hord Owens, the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (DoC), during worship on Friday, April 27 at 7:30. There will be a reception to follow where you can meet Rev. Terri Hord Owens. We'd love to have you join us at Valley Christian Church for this meaningful worship gathering. For more information or to register for Saturday, April 9 go to: <http://www.alnwfldisciples.org/2018-regional-assembly>.



Register for summer 2018!

Week 1 June 12-14	By the Sea
Week 2 June 19-21	Treasure Island
Week 3 June 26-28	Backyard Fun
Week 4 July 17-19	Bugs & Butterflies
Week 5 July 24-26	Art Explosion

Join Us for TAN
Summer Fun 2018
Ages 12 mos to 7 y.o.
(rising 2nd grade)
Tues Wed, & Thurs
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

No school week of July 4
Vacation Bible School July 9-13
All 3's + are invited to VBS (free)
Please send your child with a lunch
Snack is provided

For more information, please call 205.991.9952 or email theadventurenook@fcc-bhm.org

THIS WEEK

Today, April 8

10:15 AM Kid-Led Morning Worship
11:30 AM Ona Ruth - Women's Fellowship
4:00 PM The Table
5:00 PM Children and Youth

Monday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, April 11

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

GET INVOLVED

POT-LUCK LUNCH: SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Please join us on Sunday, April 15, for our Pot Luck Lunch immediately following worship. Make your favorite dish to share and let's have a meal together!

THE LOVELADY CENTER

The Outreach Committee is launching an on-going donation drive to benefit The Lovelady Center, a Birmingham non-profit dedicated to wholly healing women and families touched by addiction and domestic abuse. A list of on-going needs of the center is located on the table in the Narthex closest to the church office. Feel free to take a list. Items may be dropped off in the designated Lovelady Center box located in the gym. This is a simple way our congregation can help this amazing ministry touch lives and break the cycle of addiction, abuse, and poverty, certainly answering Jesus' call to be his hands and feet. Thank you all in advance!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 9-13, 2018

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

We Gather Before God

Prelude	<i>Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord</i>	Brasher
Invitation to Worship		Robin Blakemore
Chiming of the Hour		Little Lambs
*Call to Worship	“Follow Me” John 21:15-19	Emma Taylor
*Hymn of Praise	<i>He Lives!</i>	Red Hymnal No.226
“Feed My Lambs”		Addy Taylor, Emma Taylor, Luke Williamson
Anthem	<i>The King of Glory Comes</i> Praise Kids	W. Jabusch
“Teach My Sheep”		Riley Tatum, Sloane Springfield

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer		Luke Tatum
Invitation to Present Gifts		Victor Dillon
Offertory Music	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> Praise Kids	CRUSADER'S HYMN
*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		Victor Dillon
*Passing of the Peace	Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. People: And also with you.	

“Shepherd My Sheep”

Luke Tatum, Victor Dillon,
Deb Carpenter

Sacred Dance

Called Me Higher

Addy Taylor, Emma Taylor
Riley Tatum, Sloan Springfield

We Proclaim God’s Word

Scripture

John 21:15-19

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Follow Me”

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Gather at Christ’s Table

Communion Hymn

Take Our Bread

Red Hymnal No. 413

Invitation to Communion

Addy Taylor

Prayer of Communion

Riley Tatum

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

*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 in the cup.*

Communion Servers

Scout Springfield, Sloane Springfield
Emma Taylor, Riley Tatum

Communion Music

We Remember You

Harrah

We Respond With Our Lives

*Hymn of Discipleship

Take My Life

Red Hymnal No. 609

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response

Where He Leads Me

Red Hymnal No. 346

**Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.**

*Postlude

What a Mighty God We Serve

arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*

*Special thanks to the volunteers and staff
who make the children’s ministry possible.*