

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Earl Strickland  
Libby Carpenter

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

Luke Tatum  
Riley Tatum

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

Fletcher & Sandy Hamilton (Door)  
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

**Pentecost**  
Leigh Ann Tatum (storyteller)  
Katie Matthews, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Mandy Clark

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**Rev. Troy Tatum**  
Senior Minister

**Rev. Robin Blakemore**  
Associate Minister

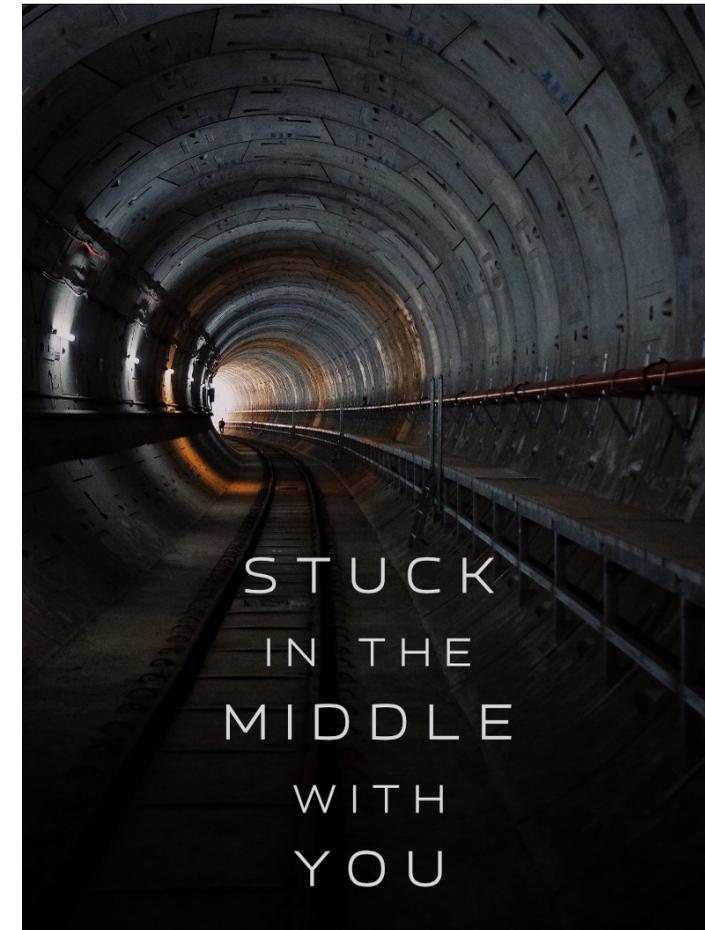
**Rev. John Allen Bankson**  
Music Director

**David Brasher**  
Pianist/Organist

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

*"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"*



May 20, 2018  
DAY OF 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.



## GET IN TOUCH

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# VBS 2018

July 9-13

9:00am-12:00pm

Age 3\*- completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Come join us as we experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace! Register online at [www.fcc-bhm.org](http://www.fcc-bhm.org) or return a printed form to the church office today to register for Rolling River Rampage!

# THIS WEEK

## Today, May 20

10:15 AM Morning Worship

## Monday, May 21

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

6:30 PM Mission Council

## Tuesday, May 22

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

## Wednesday, May 23

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 24

5:00 PM Caring & Sharing Women's Fellowship

# GET INVOLVED

## 2018-19 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Last week we concluded our annual stewardship campaign to fund our mission and ministry for 2018-2019. If you have already completed your pledge for 2018-2019, *thank you*. If you haven't, please take the opportunity this week to prayerfully consider what and how God is calling you to give in the coming year, and make your commitment by placing a pledge card in the offering plate, returning a pledge card to the church office, or making your pledge online at [www.fcc-bhm.org/give](http://www.fcc-bhm.org/give).

## 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.

## CARING & SHARING: THURS, MAY 24 AT 5 PM AT KATHEY LONG'S

It's a PLANT SWAP! Bring some cuttings from a plant that you would like to share. Please snap a photo of the "mother" plant with your phone so all can see! Bring your own sandwich supper. Drinks and dessert will be provided. All are welcome! Hope you can come! Plans include caring, sharing, prayer, giggles, lots of fun, and FLOWER POWER!

# We Gather Before God

Prelude *He's Been Faithful* Cymbala

Introit *O Day Full of Grace* DEN SIGNEDE DAG

\*Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum

Leader: The Spirit is here among us

**People: within us, around us, between us.**

Leader: The Spirit is here to strengthen us

**People: bringing courage, bringing conviction.**

Leader: The Spirit is here to move us,

**People: inspiring our worship.**

Leader: The Spirit is here.

**People: Let us worship the Lord.**

\*Hymn of Praise *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* Red Hymnal No.277

\*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 Music *The Majesty and Glory of His Name* Fettke

\*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 *Spirit of the Living God* Red Hymnal No. 259

Invitation to Communion Earl Strickland

Prayer of Communion Libby Carpenter

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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon 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 Romans 8:22-27

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* K. Lee Scott

Sermon "Stuck in the Middle with You" Rev. Troy Tatum

## We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Hymn of Discipleship *Be Still My Soul* Red Hymnal No. 566

## We Go Forth to Love and Serve

\*Announcements & Benediction Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Congregational Response *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Red Hymnal No. 261

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for those blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.**

\*Postlude *We Will Glorify* Paris

*\*All who are able please stand.*