

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Carl Crosby  
Hugh Henderson

Serving Diaconate

Andrew Ford, Kimberly Jones, Jeff Jones, Mae Margaret Davis,  
Barry Dillon, Jennifer Dillon, Lynn Eastman, Ardis Gillespie,  
Cameron Gillespie, Susan Storer, Ashton Strachan

Communion Preparer

Sarah Ford

Acolyte

Lauren Blankenship

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

Darren & Julia Williamson (Door)  
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

**Wondering Day**  
Linnea Blakemore (storyteller)  
Jennifer Powell (greeter)

Nursery Volunteer

Kallie Blakemore

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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"*



June 17, 2018  
FOURTH 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](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! You can 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, June 17

*Father's Day*

10:15 AM Morning Worship

Monday, June 18

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 20

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## GET INVOLVED

### YOUNG AT HEART

Join us Wednesday, June 27 as we tour the new Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice located in our own state capitol. We will leave church at 8:30 a.m. and have lunch at Martin's Restaurant in Montgomery before returning to FCC. Cost of the trip is \$15 per person (not including lunch.) Space is limited so contact Robin at [robin@fcc-bhm.org](mailto:robin@fcc-bhm.org) to sign up today! For additional information contact Jim Langley at [jl091649@yahoo.com](mailto:jl091649@yahoo.com).

### OUTREACH MISSION MEETING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As we begin our next fiscal year, the Outreach Committee is holding its annual planning meeting on July 15, right after church in the Farkas room. Whether you have participated in Outreach in the past, have already committed to serve this coming year, or want to learn about how you can get involved with future Outreach projects, this is the meeting for you! A light lunch will be served. We have some exciting opportunities for service coming up, starting with a Service Day to benefit First Christian Church's preschool program, The Adventure Nook (TAN), on August 25. While more details will follow, please go to [www.fcc-bhm.org](http://www.fcc-bhm.org) to sign up for the TAN Service Day. We also have additional opportunities for service planned through Spring. Won't you join us on July 15 to learn how you can participate?

## We Gather Before God

Prelude *God Will Make a Way* arr. Brasher

Introit *This Is the Day* Alice Parker

\*Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**People: And all that is within me bless God's holy name.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**People: So is God's steadfast love towards the faithful.**

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: All that is within me bless God's holy name!**

\*Hymn of Praise *We, Your People, God, Confessing* Red Hymnal No. 356

\*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 *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* Tomlin/Giglio

\*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 *Faith of our Fathers* Red Hymnal No. 635

Invitation to Communion Carl Crosby

Prayer of Communion Hugh Henderson

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 *In This Moment of Remembrance* Wood

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 Acts 12:5-17

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *God So Loved the World* Wayne Wold

Sermon "Let My Love Open the Door" Rev. Troy Tatum

### **We Respond With Our Lives**

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Hymn of Discipleship *I Love to Tell the Story* Red Hymnal No. 480

### **We Go Forth to Love and Serve**

\*Announcements & Benediction Rev. Troy Tatum

\*Congregational Response *My Tribute* Red Hymnal No. 39

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,  
to God be the glory for the things you have done.  
With his blood Christ has saved me;  
with your power you have raised me;  
to God be the glory for the things you have done.**

\*Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Brasher

*\*All who are able please stand.*