

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Kathey Long
Ashley Chester

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, Barbara Wyrosdick

Communion Preparer

Molly Springfield

Acolyte

Addy Taylor

Sunday School Greeter

Ken Champlin

Worship Greeters

Jim & Beverly Baxter (Door)
Barbara Wyrosdick (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

Exodus
Sarah Ford (storyteller)
Jennifer Powell (greeter)

Nursery Volunteer

Shaina Berry

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"



July 8, 2018
SEVENTH 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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VBS 2018

July 9-13

9:00am-12:00pm

Age 3*- completed 5th 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 or return a printed form to the church office today to register for Rolling River Rampage!

THIS WEEK

Today, July 8

10:15 AM Morning Worship

Monday, July 9

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Monday, July 9 - July 13

9:00 AM VBS

GET INVOLVED

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: JULY 15

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 come, please go to 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?

NATIONAL CONVOCATION: JULY 19-22

Call for Volunteers! Disciples churches in our area are thrilled to announce that Birmingham will host the Biennial Session of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) this summer. The National Convocation is an expression of the church that promotes reconciliation, social justice concerns, and transformational ministry, and serves as a voice to promote pertinent issues related to the African American church. Volunteers are needed throughout the event, which will take place July 19-22 in Hoover at the Hyatt Regency -- Wynfrey Hotel. Volunteers are needed in the areas of Hospitality, Logistics, Transportation, and Youth and Children (our own Robin Blakemore is providing leadership for this segment of the event). If you are interested in volunteering for as little as a four-hour period or as much as the whole event, please contact the office with questions and to add your name to the volunteer pool. As we get closer to the event, the Volunteer Coordinator will contact you to make specific plans about your time to serve and area of service. We would love to have a strong showing from members and friends of First Christian Church for this important event!

We Gather Before God

- Prelude *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* arr. Hayes
- *Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum
Leader: The word of God is planted in our hearts.
People: May we give thanks and rejoice in God's truth.
Leader: The grace of God rains down on us.
People: May we respond to others with compassion and mercy.
Leader: The breath of God blows softly within us.
People: May we be stirred by the power of God's spirit.
- *Hymn of Praise *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Red Hymnal No. 73
- *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 *Jesus Never Fails* Driskell

*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 *Loving Lord, as Now We Gather* Red Hymnal No. 427

Invitation to Communion Kathey Long

Prayer of Communion Ashley Chester

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 *All I Want* Haas

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 2 Chronicles 34:19-28

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo *This Is My Song* Sibelius/Berlin
Libby Carpenter

Sermon "I Shall be Released" Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship *We've a Story to Tell the Nations* Red Hymnal No. 484

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 *Anthem* Gaither/Smith

**All who are able please stand.*