

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Bud Flora
Georgia Flora

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

Victor Dillon

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

Jim & Beverly Baxter (Door)
Ann Langley (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

Temple a House for God
June Pryor (storyteller)
Linnea Blakemore, Jennifer Powell (greeter)

Nursery Volunteer

Mandy Clark

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 29, 2018
TENTH 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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SUMMER AT THE TABLE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Our next *Summer at the Table* gathering is Saturday, August 4, at the home of Stan & Robin Blakemore (3440 Coventry Drive, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243). We will meet at 4 PM for a time of food, fellowship, and worship. Please bring a side or dessert to share, along with whatever you might want to drink; main dish and soft drinks will be provided. Weather-permitting, we'll eat and play outside. As always, kids are welcome. Please feel free to invite your friends. You can view our www.facebook.com/tablefcc.

The Table will resume meeting weekly for worship and discussion on Sunday, August 12, at 4 PM.

KIDS PROGRAMMING

KIDS Sunday evening programming resumes **Sunday, August 12 from 5:00-6:30pm**. Activities for ages 3 years - 5th grade include music, games, stories, and crafts. Make plans to join us this fall on Sunday evenings!

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Join us Sunday, August 12 from 5:00 -6:30 pm as we resume fall programming for YOUTH (6th -12th grade.) Each week we'll share supper, games, bible study, conversation, and faith!

THIS WEEK

Today, July 29

10:15 AM Morning Worship

Monday, July 30

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, Aug 1

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Resumes

GET INVOLVED

EVERYDAY FAITH: NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS AUG. 5

Each day, we get up and go to work, or to school, or to take care of the day's business. We care for our family, we tend to our friendships, we talk with our neighbors. We take it easy on the weekend, and then get back to the grind. How are we living out our faith each day? How is the message we hear on Sunday shaping our lives on Monday? How can we live genuinely, authentically, and faithfully, each and every day? Join us in worship this August as Rev. Troy Tatum preaches a new sermon exploring these questions, and what it means to have an *Everyday Faith*.

INSTALLATION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, August 12 as we install, celebrate, and pray for our servant leaders for the new church year. Our new Mission Council will be installed, and four new Elders will be ordained during our morning worship service. We hope you will all be a part of this special day.

TAN SERVICE DAY

Join us for a Service Day to benefit First Christian Church's preschool program, The Adventure Nook (TAN), on August 25. Please go to www.fcc-bhm.org to sign up for the TAN Service Day.

We Gather Before God

Prelude

He Is Exalted

Paris

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Blakemore

Leader: We are witnesses in this world

People: To the love God shaped in our creation.

Leader: We are witnesses to Christ's grace,

People: Sharing it with each person we meet.

Leader: We give thanks for the stories of faith.

People: May we share the Good News with everyone we encounter.

*Hymn of Praise

We Call Ourselves Disciples

Red Hymnal No. 357

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Robin Blakemore

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. John Allen Bankson

Offertory Music

Now I Belong to Jesus

arr. Brasher

*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. John Allen Bankson

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. John Allen Bankson

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn

We Come as Guests Invited

Red Hymnal No. 386

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

Above All

BeLoche/LeBlanc

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

Solo

The Prayer / Lead Us, Lord

D. Foster/S.S. Wesley

Deb Carpenter, Libby Carpenter, Twila Tyree

Scripture

Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who Are You"

Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Robin Blakemore

*Hymn of Discipleship

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Red Hymnal No. 586

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Robin Blakemore

*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

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

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**All who are able please stand.*