

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Janet Bonds
June Pryor

Serving Diaconate

Lisa Burdette, Andrew Ford, Fletcher Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton
Kimberly Jones, Jeff Jones, Mae Margaret Davis, Buzz DeVore,
Nancy DeVore, Barry Dillon, Jennifer Dillon, Lynn Eastman,
Susan Storer, Ashton Strachan, Sam Strachan

Communion Preparer

Sarah Ford

Acolyte

Dominic Mirabito
Lauren Blankenship

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

TBA (Door)
Edith Carreras (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

Jesus Calls the 12 Disciples
Tom Scales (storyteller)
Jennifer Powell (greeter)

Nursery Volunteer

Eliza Blankenship

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"



September 16, 2018
SEVENTEENTH 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

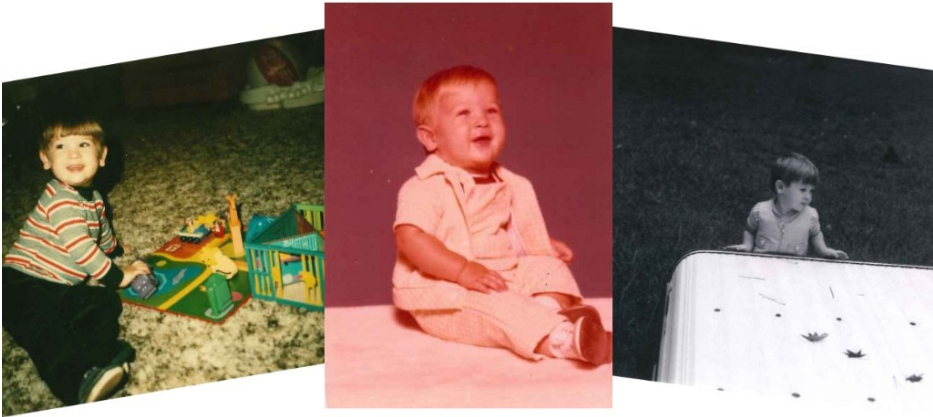
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GET IN TOUCH

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On Sunday, September 30, we will celebrate our 144th year as a church. Following worship, we will have a Pot Luck Lunch in the Christian Life Center. This will be a special time of fellowship, renewing friendships, and sharing sweet memories. Make your favorite dish to share and let's have a meal together to celebrate this special day!



Above you’ll find some pictures of our pastor...from just a few years ago. We would love for YOU to share a younger picture of yourself, too. Please send us a picture of yourself as a young child, and during our Homecoming celebration on Sept. 30, we’ll see if we can guess who is who from their baby pictures. To participate, please send digital images to Dixon by email (dixon@fcc-bhm.org), or you may drop off hard copies in the church office (we will scan and return hard copies to you as soon as possible). Be sure to note who is who in your photos. All photos should be received by Wednesday, September 26. (And while you’re at it, we’d love for you to send us a current photo as well. Current photos will be used for an upcoming pictorial directory that we will produce in-house. If you don’t have a current picture that you’d like to use, Art Varvoutis will be available to take your picture after worship on October 14 and 21. You’ll hear more about the new directory in the coming weeks.) We’ve all come a long way, individually and as a congregation; this Homecoming we will celebrate all the ways we’ve been changed for good!

THIS WEEK

Today, September 16

- 10:15 AM Morning Worship
- 4:00 PM The Table
- 5:00 PM Children & Youth

Monday, September 17

- 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Mission Council

Tuesday, September 18

- 10:00 AM Ladies’ Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Ministry Support

Wednesday, September 19

- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

GET INVOLVED

CONNECTION CARDS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

During worship each Sunday, just before *A Time for Children*, you are invited to make your presence known by signing the Connection Card in your bulletin and then placing that Card in the offering plate when it is passed. Why is that important? Because we use these cards to record worship attendance in our church database. That database is the best, most reliable way we have to recognize whenever members of our church family are repeatedly absent so that we can reach out to determine if all is well. Please do your part to help us care for our congregation by signing your Connection Card each Sunday morning.

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, September 30: Homecoming Sunday
- Sunday, October 28: Trunk or Treat
- Sunday, November 25: Deck the Halls
- Sunday, December 2: Praise Kids Christmas Performance
- Sunday, December 9: Christmas Dinner after Worship
- Sunday, December 16: Christmas Cantata

We Gather Before God

Prelude	<i>Yorkminster Processional</i>	Young
Introit	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	HYMN TO JOY
*Call to Worship		Rev. Troy Tatum
Leader:	Let praise to God resound in the heavens.	
People:	Let praise to God fill the earth.	
Leader:	Let all God’s angels offer praise and rejoicing.	
People:	Let all God’s creatures sing praise and joy.	
Leader:	Open your hearts and spirits today.	
People:	Let us praise the Lord today and always!	
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	Red Hymnal No.622
*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	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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	<i>Overshadowed</i>	arr. Brasher

*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

Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

The Dedication of Samuel Elliott Jones

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Gather at Christ’s Table

Communion Hymn

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Red Hymnal No. 416

Invitation to Communion

Janet Bonds

Prayer of Communion

June Pryor

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

Come Share the Lord

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

Genesis 18:1-15

Leader:

The Word of God for the people of God.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Shout for Joy to the Lord

Douglas Nolan

Sermon

“So I’m Supposed To Drop Everything?”

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

Red Hymnal No. 453

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Red Hymnal No. 431

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

*Postlude

Here Am I

arr. Brasher

*All who are able please stand.