

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call	Bud Flora Georgia Flora
Serving Diaconate	Kallie Blakemore, Linnea Blakemore, Linda Browning, Deb Carpenter, Bob Frederickson, Bruce MacKenzie, Sue MacKenzie, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon, Madi Payton, Art Varvoutis, Regena Varvoutis, Barbara Wyrosdick
Diaconate Preparer	Molly Springfield
Acolytes	Dominic Mirabito & Luke Tatum
Sunday School Greeter	Steve Pasky
Worship Greeters	Hubert & Virginia Nall (Door) Trudie Edwards & Annie Franklin (Sanctuary)
Children Worship & Wonder	Service Day Leigh Ann Tatum (storyteller) June Pryor & Jennifer Powell (greeters)
Nursery Volunteer	Kimberly Jones

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Minister of Discipleship

Twila Tyree
Substitute Music Director

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



May 21, 2017
6th Sunday of Easter

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 2017

JULY 17-21

9:00AM-12:00PM

Age 3* - completed 5th grade

Come join us for an amazing adventure as we discover our Strength in God! We will explore God's mission for our lives, encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes, and realize that we all have qualities that make us heroes in God! You don't want to miss the great music, fun games, creative crafts, and more, so sign up now for VBS 2017 at FCC! Register online at www.fcc-bhm.org or return this form to the church office today to register for Hero Central!

THIS WEEK

Today

11:30 AM: Graduate Recognition & Meal

Monday, May 22

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM: Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

4:30 PM: Caring & Sharing

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 PM: Choir Practice

BECAUSE HE LIVES: 2017 Annual Campaign

Today in worship we launch our annual stewardship campaign to fund our mission and ministry for 2017-2018. We have set a campaign goal of \$400,000 in pledges, which reflects about a 10% increase over last year's projected offerings. This is an ambitious goal, but the impact these gifts can make is immeasurable. Our gifts are what make possible life-changing ministries like Vacation Bible School, children's and youth groups, choir and music ministry, local outreach, Sunday morning worship services, and so much more. This campaign provides the opportunity not only to raise funds for ministry but also to renew the faith foundations in our church. We trust that with all of us in prayer together, we will experience spiritual renewal as a congregation. Pledge cards are available in pew backs today, or you can go to www.fcc-bhm.org/pledge to make your commitment online.

Thank You from the Favorite Family

To Our First Christian Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, generosity, and support during this difficult time. We are so blessed to have such wonderful friends. You all are so important to our family and we know Pat (Mom) was smiling in heaven.

With Our Sincere Appreciation,
The Favorite Family

We Gather Before God

Prelude	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	Elgar
Choral Call	<i>What Can I Give?</i>	Choir
*Call to Worship		Tucker Hagood
Leader:	Happy are those who walk in God's ways.	
People:	Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.	
Leader:	Faithful are those who love mercy and compassion.	
People:	Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.	
Leader:	Come, let us love the Lord our God.	
People:	We come to worship the One who give us life.	
* Hymn of Praise	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Red Hymnal No. 272
*Invocation and Lord's Prayer		Jacob Rich
	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.	
Words of Welcome		Rev. Troy Tatum
	<i>Please take a moment to fill out your Connection Card.</i>	
A Time for Children		Douglas Henze
	<i>Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children's Worship & Wonder</i>	
Invitation to Present Gifts		Christian Lampley

Stewardship *Find Your Wings* Harris/Wood

*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 Christian Lampley

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn *One Bread, One Body* Red Hymnal No. 393

Invitation to Communion Barbara Carpenter

Prayer of Communion William Mee

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 *Remembrance* Maher/Redman

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

Sacred Dance Linnea Blakemore

Scripture John 17:21b-26
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Because He Lives, We Are One" Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship *Here I Am, Lord (v. 1 & 3)* Red Hymnal No. 452

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Benediction Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response Red Hymnal No. 562

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth living just because He lives.**

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*Postlude *Place in this World* Smith

**All who are able please stand.*