

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Hugh Henderson
Earl Strickland

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

Diaconate Preparer

Sarah Ford

Acolytes

Luke Tatum
Riley Tatum

Sunday School Greeter

Earl Strickland

Worship Greeters

Julie Henderson & Regena Varvoutis (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

The Ark and Tent for God
Joye Taylor (storyteller)
Tom Scales, Jennifer Powell (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Susan Scales

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 10, 2017
Fourteenth 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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HOMECOMING SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 1, we will celebrate our 143rd year as a church. Following worship, we will have a potluck lunch in the Christian Life Center. This will be a special time of fellowship, renewing friendships, and sharing sweet memories. Please mark your calendars for this special day of celebration. You can register online at fcc-bhm.org or at the church on the sign-up board by the sanctuary.

COAT DRIVE

Our Annual Coat Drive has expanded to include mothers and children in temporary shelter/ safe houses. Brand new coats, lightweight jackets, hoodies, etc. are not necessary for the moms, but gently used would be appreciated, too. There is a considerable need for women's plus sizes, but all sizes are needed. We are still concentrating on new & very gently used fall & winter wraps for the children. Thanking you for your generous hearts.

THIS WEEK

Today, September 10

- 10:15 AM Worship
- 11:30 AM Discipleship Mission Meeting
- 5:00 PM Youth & Children

Monday, September 11

- 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

- 6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, September 14

- 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

GET INVOLVED

WEEK OF COMPASSION: HURRICANE HARVEY / IRMA

Our thoughts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters who are dealing with the impact of these devastating storms. Many of you have asked how you can help. Please consider donating to Week of Compassion, where 100% of your gifts designated for Hurricane Harvey and/or Hurricane Irma will provide immediate relief and long-term rebuilding in the days, weeks, and years ahead. You can place your donation in the offering plate or make a contribution online at fcc-bhm.org/give. Please make all checks payable to FCC and designate *Week of Compassion — Hurricane Relief*.

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH & CHILDREN’S FALL PROGRAMMING

Children ages 3K-5th grade will resume this evening. We begin at 5:00 pm with a snack supper, they have the opportunity to participate in Praise Kids, a musical group, and have fabulous leaders who play games, share Bible stories, make crafts and learn more about God’s love for all of us. We will finish at 6:30 pm.

Youth in 6th— 12th grade join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm beginning September 10 for a meal, fun activities, Bible study, and more. It’s a great time to grow together.

We Gather Before God

Prelude *In His Presence* Tunney

Call to Worship *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* AUSTIN

Spoken Response:
We come to you, O God.

Sung Response (No. 353):
Come to me, O weary traveler;
Come to me with your distress;
Come to me, you heavy burdened;
Come to me, and find your rest.

Words of Welcome Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Praise *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Red Hymnal No. 233

*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. Troy Tatum

Offertory Music
Song of Ruth
Childs

*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. Troy Tatum

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer
Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Gather at Christ’s Table

Communion Hymn
You Are My Hiding Place
Red Hymnal No. 554

Invitation to Communion
Hugh Henderson

Prayer of Communion
Earl Strickland

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
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
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: Ruth 1
Georgia Flora, Katie Matthews
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Bless Now, O God, the Journey
Dunstan

Sermon
“When Up Goes Down”
Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship
Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Red Hymnal No. 540

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction
Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response
Red Hymnal No. 518

**This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that’s gone.**

**For by the life and death of Jesus,
God’s mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.**

*Postlude
Sweetest Name
arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary
of Boyce “Shine” and Virginia Guthrie.*