

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

June Pryor
Janet Bonds

Serving Diaconate

Kallan 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

Luke Tatum
Riley Tatum

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

Scott & Kathey Long (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Worship & Wonder

Abram & Sarai
Julie Henderson (storyteller)
Jennifer Powell (greeter)

Nursery Volunteer

Shaina Berry

Narthex Monitor

Carl Crosby

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Associate Minister

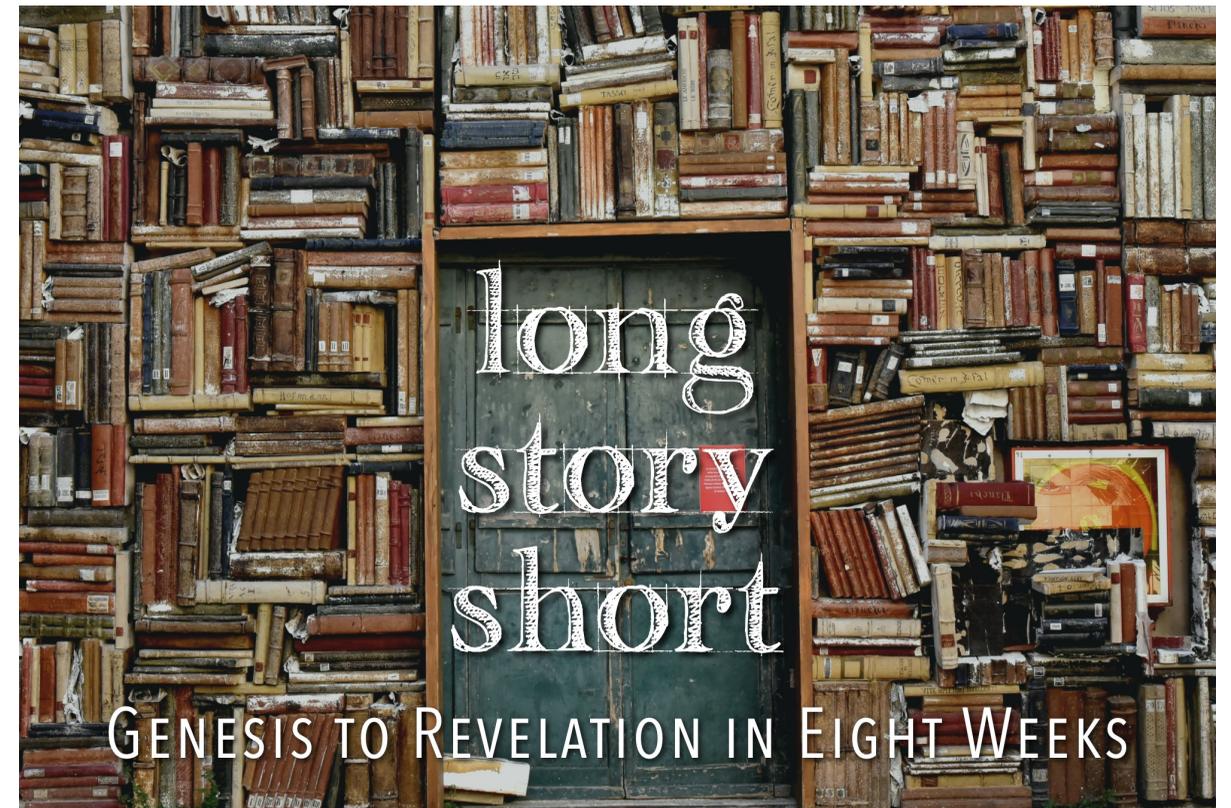
Rev. John Allen Bankson
Music Director

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



January 20, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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On February 8-9 our church is hosting a spiritual and educational event sponsored by the Christian Church in Alabama and Northwest Florida. The weekend gathering begins with a worship service on Friday at 7:30 pm with Rev. Virzola Law preaching. This worship service precedes the one-day Regional event for congregational leaders.

Workshop Leaders

Rev. Virzola Law
*Senior Pastor, Northway Christian Church
Dallas, TX*

Rev. Rick Morse
*VP of Hope Partnership & DCEF
Rev. Israel Martinez*

*Minister, Iglesia Cristiana-Arbol de Vida,
Pensacola, FL*

Rev. David Massey
*Co-Minister, Westwood Christian Church,
Pensacola, FL*

Rev. Gary Edge
*Minister, Valley Christian Church,
Birmingham, AL*

Rev. Roberto Rodriguez
*Minster, Primera Iglesia Cristina,
Birmingham, AL*

Rev. Beth Thomason
*Minister, Madison Christian Church,
Madison, AL*

Rev. Dale Braxton
*Regional Staff & Minister, Snow Hill Christian
Church, Mt. Willing, AL*
Sheryl Holmes

*Elder, New Hope Christian Church,
Letohatchee, AL*

Ministry Support Network
in Alabama-Northwest Florida

These workshops will be aimed at helping church members/leaders face issues that may bring new vitality to the congregation. Workshops will start Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. The church will cover the registration fee for FCC members and friends, so please make every effort to attend some or all of this great event. Contact the church office to sign-up.

THIS WEEK

Today, January 20

10:15 AM Morning Worship

Monday, January 21

MLK Jr. Day - Office Closed

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 15

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

READ THE BIBLE IN 365 DAYS

This year, let's read through the Bible together! For many of us, reading the Bible can be overwhelming. Some of us have done this before, maybe even several times, while some of us don't even know where to begin. No matter which group you find yourself in, we'd love to have you join us on this journey. Beginning February 1, we're going to take 365 days to read the whole Bible. Two reading plans will be available. The Consecutive Track will follow scripture from Genesis through Revelation, while the Segment Track will combine readings from different books of the Old and New Testaments every day. Each plan will carry the reader through all of scripture over the course of 12 months. Participants will receive an email each week with mailing readings for both tracks. We will also create a Facebook group with the readings, providing encouragement to help keep you on track, and you can post your own comments, insight, and questions. We will also have printed schedules available at church. To sign up, visit www.fcc-bhm.org/bible, or contact the church office. When you register, let us know if you are interested in a monthly small group centered around your reading plan.

YOUNG AT HEART TO B'HAM MUSEUM OF ART ON JANUARY 31

Join us for a trip to Birmingham's Museum of Art on Thursday, January 31 as we tour the museum and visit the special exhibit: *Embodying Faith*. Through the ages and across the globe, art has reflected faith. For centuries, artistic production in Europe, and else where, was dominated by Christian themes. To depict important events from the life of Jesus and to reflect on his central role in the Christian faith, artists relied on texts, visual traditions, or both. At the same time, artists often conveyed complex theological concepts through their representations of the figure. Types of conventional images, such as the Madonna and Child, developed and evolved over time. Depictions of Jesus's crucifixion could focus on the symbolic meaning of his death, imagine the historical setting, or aim to evoke an emotional response in the viewer. We will leave church at 10:00 am, eat lunch at OSCARS (the museum cafe), and return to the church by 2:00 pm. There is no cost for the trip; you'll just need money for lunch. The museum does not permit large bags of any kind. To make a reservation email Dixon at dixon@fcc-bhm.org or call the office by Tuesday, January 29.

We Gather Before God

Prelude *He's Been Faithful* Cymbala

Introit *You Servants of God* HANOVER

Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: Again, we say, rejoice!

Leader: For God has gathered us together from all the corners of the earth

People: To know the joyful unity of being one with Christ.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: Again, we say, rejoice!

*Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Red Hymnal No. 16

*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 *I Will Bless the Lord* 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. Troy Tatum

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

Red Hymnal No. 399

Invitation to Communion

June Pryor

Prayer of Communion

Janet Bonds

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

In This Very Room

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 12:1-9

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Lord God of Abraham

Felix Mendelssohn

John Allen Bankson

Sermon

"The Patriarchs"

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Red Hymnal No. 86

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response

This is a Day of New Beginnings

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.**

**In faith we gather round the table
to taste and share what love can do
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.**

*Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Samoht Semaj

**All who are able please stand.*