

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Kathey Long
Ashley Chester

Serving Diaconate

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

Communion Preparer

Sarah Ford

Acolytes

Dominic Mirabito
Lauren Blankenship

Sunday School Greeter

Bruce Moon

Worship Greeters

Bob & Janice Lamb (Door)
Ken Champlin (Sanctuary)

Worship & Wonder

Wondering Day
June Pryor (storyteller)
Susan Scales, Jennifer Powell (greeter)

Nursery Volunteer

Leigh Ann Tatum

Narthex Monitor

Steve Pasky

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"



March 24, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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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CANDY COLLECTION FOR EXTRAVAGANZA

We could really use your help in collecting candy for our community Easter Celebration. We will hide about 800 plastic eggs and that's a LOT of candy. There is a plastic bin in the narthex where you can place donations of candy. We need to collect the candy by March 31 in order to have time to get ready. Thanks for your help! The following are suggestions for candy that works well: Jolly Ranchers, Starburst, Bubble Gum, Small Tootsie Rolls, Nerds, Sweet Tarts, Laffy Taffy, Stickers (individual not sheets), Tattoos. If you would like to help with the Egg-stravaganza, contact Robin Blakemore or Janice Lamb.

YOUNG AT HEART: MARCH 27, 11:00 AM

Young at heart will meet March, 27 at 11:00 am in the Farkas Room. Jim Langley will present “Birmingham: Magic City to Murder Capital of the Nation.” Lunch will be provided for a donation. Contact Jim Langley for more information. RSVP to dixon@fcc-bhm.org by Tuesday, March 26.

THIS WEEK

Today, March 24

- 10:15 AM Morning Worship
- 11:30 AM Disciples Class Lunch
- 5:00 PM Kids’ Game Night (No Youth)
- 5:00 PM Faith Matters Adult Lenten Study
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 25

TAN Closed for Spring Break through March 29

- 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, March 26

- 10:00 AM Ladies’ Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27

- 11:00 AM Young at Heart

EASTER HYDRANGEAS

If you would like to purchase a hydrangea in honor or memory of someone, please email dixon@fcc-bhm.org, call the church office at 205-991-5000, or sign up in the nar-thex by March 31. Hydrangeas are \$24 per plant. We will place an order based on the number of people who sign up.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

As many of you know, Rev. Troy Tatum's last Sunday is March 31. We hope you will join us for a reception celebrating Troy and the Tatum family after worship in the Chris-tian Life Center.

FAITH MATTERS LENTEN STUDY

A spiritual discipline is an intentional, regularly practiced activity that helps us to grow closer to God. Although that activity may take many forms, traditionally they are thought of as the activities that Christ participated in throughout scripture: prayer, fast-ing, solitude, study, etc. From its beginning the church linked the desire to know God to intentional practices that gave people space in their lives to ‘keep company’ with Jesus. These intentional practices we know as spiritual disciplines. Join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm during Lent as we explore some of these sacred practices.

We Gather Before God

Prelude	<i>Because I Have Been Given Much</i>	arr. Brasher
Introit	<i>Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	Jacques Berthier
Call to Worship		Rev. Troy Tatum
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Red Hymnal No. 25
*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
<i>Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children’s Worship & Wonder</i>		
Invitation to Present Gifts		Rev. Troy Tatum
Offertory Music	<i>Proclaim the Glory of the Lord</i>	arr. DiGesare
*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

Call to Prayer *Lead Me, Lord* S.S. Wesley

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Gracious and loving God,

All: We know we do not always live as we should.
Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News:
The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.
Let us proclaim the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn *In Remembrance of Me* Red Hymnal No. 403

Invitation to Communion Kathey Long

Prayer of Communion Ashley Chester

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* 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 Matthew 6:19-21

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Simple Gifts of God* Joseph Martin

Sermon "Living on Less" Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship *'Tis the Gift to Be Simple (x2)* Red Hymnal No. 568

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response *Take My Life* Red Hymnal No. 609

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

*Postlude *There is Sunshine in My Soul* arr. Bish

**All who are able please stand.*