

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### 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

Luke Tatum  
Riley Tatum

### Sunday School Greeter

Jim Baxter

### Worship Greeters

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

### Worship & Wonder

**Jesus and Zacchaeus**  
June Pryor (storyteller)  
Susan Scales, Jennifer Powell (greeter)

### Nursery Volunteer

Kimberly Jones

### Narthex Monitor

Ken Champlin

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**Rev. Troy Tatum**  
Senior Minister

**Rev. Robin Blakemore**  
Associate Minister

**Rev. John Allen Bankson**  
Music Director

**David Brasher**  
Pianist/Organist

**Rev. John Mobley**  
Regional Minister

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

*"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"*



March 31, 2019  
FOURTH 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](http://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.



## GET IN TOUCH

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office: 205-991-5000 | clergy on call: 205-295-6708



## 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.



THIS WEEK

Today, March 31

- 10:15 AM Morning Worship
- 11:30 AM Tatum Family Reception
- 5:00 PM Children & Youth
- 5:00 PM Faith Matters Adult Lenten Study
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

- 10:00 AM Ladies’ Bible Study

EASTER HYDRANGEAS

If you would like to purchase a hydrangea in honor or memory of someone, please email Dixon at [dixon@fcc-bhm.org](mailto:dixon@fcc-bhm.org), call the church office at 205-991-5000, or sign up in the narthex and pay by today. Hydrangeas are \$24 per plant. We will place an order based on the number of people who sign up.



We Gather Before God

Prelude	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	arr. Ortega
Introit	<i>Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	Jacques Berthier
Call to Worship		Rev. Troy Tatum
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	Red Hymnal No. 622
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Troy Tatum
<b>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.</b>		
*Prayer Response	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	Red Hymnal No. 35
<b>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!</b>		
*Passing of the Peace		
Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <b>People: And also with you.</b>		
A Time for Children		Rev. Robin Blakemore
<i>Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children’s Worship &amp; Wonder</i>		
Invitation to Present Gifts		Rev. Troy Tatum
Offertory Music	<i>You Raise Me Up</i>	Lovland/Graham
*Doxology		Red Hymnal No. 46
<b>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.</b>		
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      *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*      Red Hymnal No. 416

Invitation to Communion Rev. Troy Tatum

Prayer of Communion Hugh Henderson

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	<i>Jesus, Lord to Me</i>	Nelson/McSpadden
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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 Luke 18:1-8

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* arr. Joel Raney

Sermon                                      “Tuning Out the Noise”                                      Rev. Troy Tatum

## We Go Forth to Love and Serve

Liturgy of Farewell for Rev. Troy Tatum *See Insert*

Presentation from the Congregation Rev. Robin Blakemore

\*Hymn of Discipleship      *I Was There to Head Your Borning Cry*      Red Hymnal No. 75

\*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 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Kartsonakis

*\*All who are able please stand.*