

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Jan Watts
Minister of Music

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Minister of Discipleship

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

Elders on Call

Bud Flora
Georgia Flora

Serving Diaconate

Barbara Carpenter, Bob Clark, Janet Clark,
Carl Crosby, Linda Crosby, Scott Jackson,
Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, William Mee,
Jim Perkins, Bebe Randell

Diaconate Preparers

Ashley Chester
June Pryor

Acolyte

Caleb Jackson

Sunday School Greeter

Ross Lange

Worship Greeters

Jim & Beverly Baxter

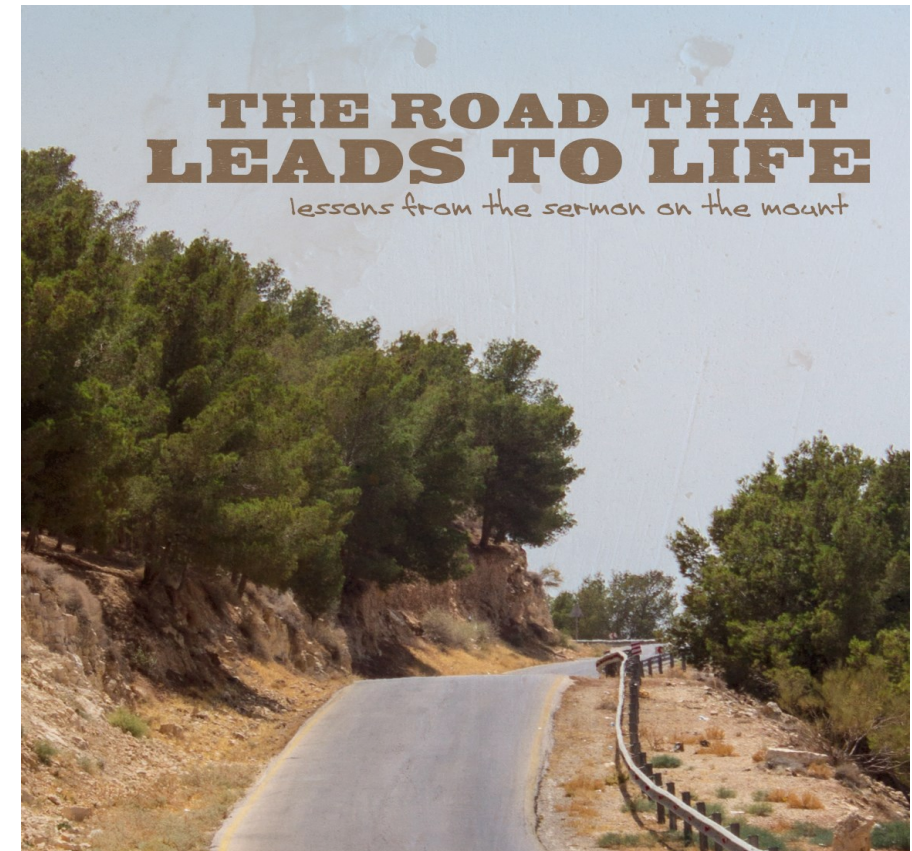
Children Worship & Wonder

Jesus in the Wilderness
Joye Taylor (storyteller)
Andrew Ford (greeter)

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



February 8, 2015

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We're so glad you're here today!

We hope you'll find this to be a meaningful time of worship with a vibrant community of faith. If today is your first time visiting at First Christian Church, please be sure to stop by the welcome table outside the sanctuary so that we can give you a small gift to thank you for worshipping with us today.

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.

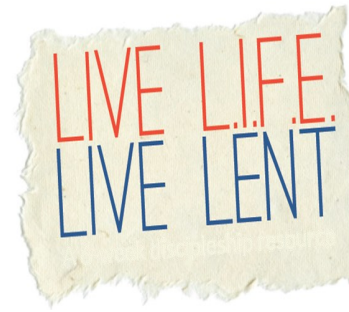
If you are **worshipping with children** today, please note that children age 3K through fourth grade are encouraged to participate in Children's Worship and Wonder, a special worship and education experience designed just for them. Young people may leave the service for Worship and Wonder following "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.

Our serving Elders are available near the communion table following worship if you would like to have a special word of prayer today.

You can find out more about this community of faith at www.fcc-bhm.org and www.facebook.com/fccbhm, or you can contact us at **991-5000** or info@fcc-bhm.org.

We hope to see you again soon at First Christian Church of Birmingham:
Where the grace of God awaits you!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER & STUDY

Lent is a special time in the life of the Church, a time to come together collectively and ask "How is Jesus calling us to live? What is Jesus calling us to do? Where is Jesus calling us to go?" It is also an opportunity for each of us individually to search within for the ways we need to change. During this season many are looking for ways to draw closer to God. We'd like to invite you to join our Wednesday evening LIVE L.I.F.E. LIVE LENT series. We will begin by gathering at 5:30 for dinner, have a brief time of communion each week, and then move into small groups. Small groups will conclude at 6:45. We will have childcare for children through fifth grade. We encourage youth to sign up for a small group in the Narthex. **Please note: you will sign-up for one class that will continue throughout the Lenten season, meeting 5 times: Feb. 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25.**

Making Sense of the Bible

by Adam Hamilton

Class led by Jim Clifford

Making a Mess and Meeting God

Class led by Carole Rudd
and Robin Blakemore

Stories of the Hymns We Love

Class led by Jan Watts

The Gospel in the News

Class led by Troy Tatum

Wine and Wineskins: Fresh Vessels for the Everlasting Wine

February 13-14, 2015

At First Christian Church, Birmingham

This February 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. Dr. Richard L. Hamm preaching. This worship service precedes the one-day Regional event on congregational transformation.



Saturday workshops will be aimed at helping church members/leaders face issues that may bring new vitality to the congregation. Workshops will start at 9:00 a.m. (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) and conclude at 2:30 p.m. **The church will cover the registration fee for First Christian Church members and friends, so please make every effort to attend some or all of this great event! Contact the church office to sign-up.** More information can be found at: www.alnwfldisciples.org.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 8

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:45 AM Fellowship Moment
- 10:15 AM Morning Worship
- 11:30 AM Outreach Mission Planning Lunch
- 11:30 AM Ona/Ruth Luncheon
- 5:00 PM Children & Youth

Monday, February 9

- 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study
- 9:30 AM The Adventure Nook
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Elders Gathering

Tuesday, February 10

- 9:30 AM The Adventure Nook
- 9:45 AM TAN Chapel
- 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, February 11

- 9:30 AM The Adventure Nook
- 6:30 PM Choir Practice
- 6:30 PM Finance

Thursday, February 12

- 9:30 AM The Adventure Nook
- 6:30 PM Advocates Bible Study

Friday, February 13

- 7:30 PM Regional Transformation Worship Service

Saturday, February 14

Regional Transformation Workshops Begin

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Workshops

We Gather Before God

- Prelude *Near to The Heart of God* arr. Basher
- Choral Call *There’s Something About That Name* Choir
- *Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum
 - Leader: God is our light and our salvation.
 - People: God is our stronghold; we need not fear.**
 - Leader: Come, behold the beauty of our God.
 - People: We come now, seeking God’s face.**
 - Leader: Come to find shelter in the midst of life’s storms.
 - People: Let us join together to praise the Lord!**
- *Hymn of Praise *Lead On, O King Eternal* Red Hymnal No. 632
- *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.**
- Words of Welcome Rev. Troy Tatum
 - Please take a moment to fill out your Connection Card.*
- 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. Robin Blakemore
- Special Music Offering *In His Presence* Tunney

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP



2.18.15 - 6:30 PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM

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. Robin Blakemore

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Gather at Christ’s Table

Communion Hymn

Hear, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Red Hymnal No. 416

Invitation to Communion

Bud Flora

Prayer of Communion

Georgia Flora

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 it 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

Lord Be Glorified

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

Anthem

Hymn of Promise

Sleeth

Scripture

Matthew 7:7-12

Sermon

"Good Things”

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Trust and Obey

Red Hymnal No. 556

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

Congregational Response

Red Hymnal No. 337

**Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me.”**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”**

**Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call.
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

*Postlude

Greater Is He That Is in Me

arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Kassidy Mixon & Margaret Willis on their birthdays,
by their families.*