

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

Hubert Nall
Hugh Henderson

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

Luke Williamson

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

Jim & Beverly Baxter

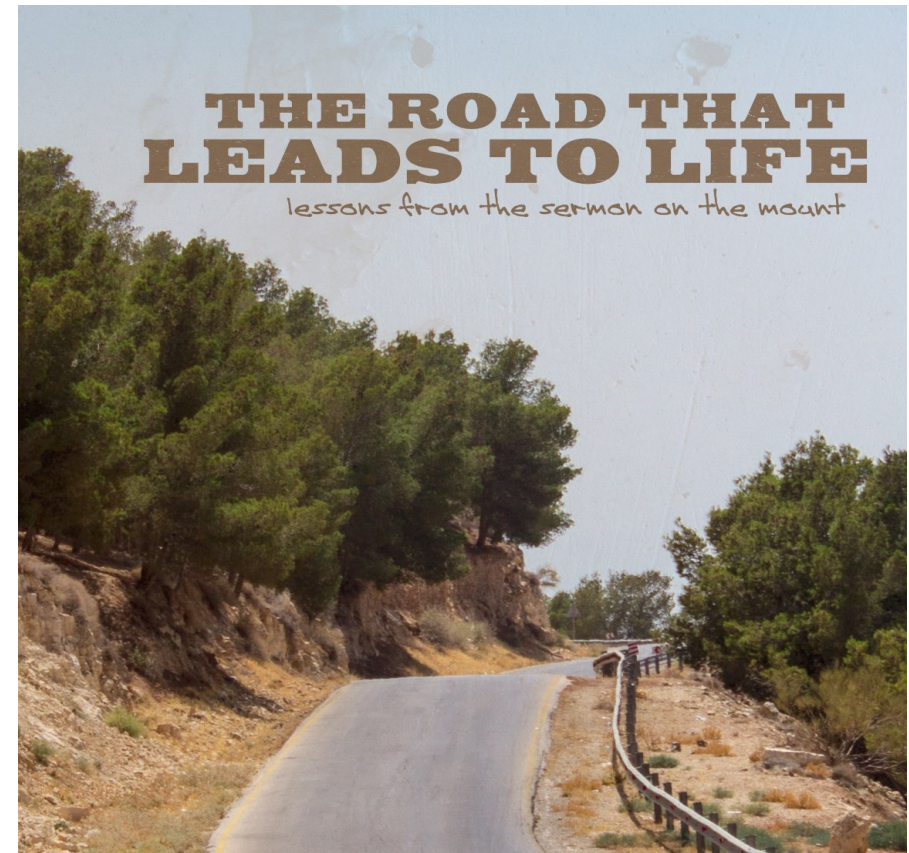
Children Worship & Wonder

The Mustard Seed
Julie Henderson (storyteller)
Ashley Chester & Leigh Ann Tatum (greeters)

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



February 15, 2015

Last 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



New Sermon Series Begins Feb. 22

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

Backpack Buddy Garage Sale

George and Judy Dudley are coordinating a garage sale to benefit our Backpack Buddy Bags ministry again this year. Last year this effort generated around \$1500.00. The 2015 sale will be held March 27-30. How can you help? Clean out your closets, and bring your used clothing, kitchen ware, household decor, garage tools, appliances, furniture, camping stuff, baby stuff, games, lamps, ETC to FCC ASAP and not later than March 22. We will also need volunteers to help work at the Garage Sale. If you would like to help, please contact Judy Dudley (306-3998) or Ann Langley (335-2501). Thank you for helping us generate funds needed to sustain our care for the hungry children at Vincent Elementary!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 15

9:00 AM Sunday School
9:45 AM Fellowship Moment
10:15 AM Morning Worship
11:30 AM Disciples Class Luncheon

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

9:30 AM The Adventure Nook
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, February 19

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

Monday, February 16

7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Mission Council

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



We Gather Before God

Prelude *All Things Are Possible* Zschech

Choral Call *There’s Something About That Name* Choir

*Call to Worship Rev. Troy Tatum
Leader: Be still before God and wait, for he will appear.
People: Delight in God, for he will satisfy your hunger.
Leader: Call upon God, for he will answer.
People: We stand before God and trust in his righteousness.
Leader: For God alone is holy.
People: He is greatly to be praised!

*Hymn of Praise *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Red Hymnal No. 66

*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. Jan Watts

Special Music Offering *Upon This Rock* Gaither/McGuire

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. Jan Watts

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Gather at Christ’s Table

Communion Hymn

You Are The Bread

Purple Hymnal No. 166

Invitation to Communion

Hubert Nall

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 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

I Am Life

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

Eternal Life

Stickles

Scripture

Matthew 7:13-29

Sermon

"The Road That Leads To Life”

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Take My Life

Red Hymnal No. 609

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

Firm Foundation

Gordon/Harvill

**All who are able please stand.*