

Christian Service of Worship

Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 25, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Prelude Voluntary I W. Walond
*Entrance Hymn *Jesu, Jesu* 600
*Call to Worship Lee Stanley

One: Hurry! Drop everything and follow Jesus!
Many: The time is now; the Kingdom of God has come near.

One: Quick! Put aside your work, your burdens and concerns.
Many: Rejoice and return because Jesus Christ is here! Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Lee Stanley
Like the first disciples, we accept your invitation to come and follow you, O God. School us and prepare us as you fill our expectant hearts. Inspire us to participate in your world in new and exciting ways; all this we ask in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

*Gloria Patri
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.

We Receive the Word

Welcome and Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Lee Stanley
Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 (*Pew Bible OT Page 860*)
Mark 1: 14-20 (*Pew Bible NT Page 35*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert
*Children welcome, in the name of Jesus. Children welcome, in the name of love.
All are welcome, in the name of Jesus. All are welcome, in the name of love.*

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community Pastor
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Pastor
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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Anthem *Come To the Table* Allen Pote
Sermon *"If We Obey God, We Must Disobey Ourselves"* Pastor

Invitation to Discipleship Pastor
(You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism. Please come forward during the hymn.)

*Hymn of Invitation *Open My Eyes, That I May See* 586

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Ruth Lutz
Offertory Music *Morning Song* Southbridge

*Doxology (Hymn of Praise) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 46
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Offertory Prayer Ruth Lutz
*Passing of the Peace of Christ Ruth Lutz
(As the risen Christ greeted his beloved disciples with the greeting, "Peace be with you," let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love.)

Communion Hymn *Standing in the Need of Prayer* 579
Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King
Prayers for the Bread and Cup Lee Stanley and Ruth Lutz
(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You may partake of the Bread as it is passed and hold the Cup, or you may hold both elements so that we may partake of Holy Communion together.)

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,

Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Prayer of Commission and the Lord's Prayer

God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.

We Are Led Out By the Spirit

*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	592
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Voluntary III</i>	J. Stanley

Welcome home! We are delighted that you are here today. Please fill out the Visitor/Member Card so we may have a record of your participation.

If you wish for a prayer joy or concern to be shared aloud during worship, please complete the back of the card now. Deacons collect prayer cards before our pastoral prayer. If your prayer request is confidential or you simply do not want it shared aloud, you may place your card in the offering plate alongside our collective tithes and offerings. On Monday morning our Prayer Ministry will lift up to God your prayer requests.

We kindly request that, unless you are on-call for professional reasons, all cell phones and electronic devices be turned off during worship. Thank you.

The Holy Scriptures for today may be found printed in the bulletin insert.

Ministers: All the People

Your Church Staff:

The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert,
Senior Pastor

William E. Garner, *Director of Music*

Rev. Barbara Sims-King,
Dir. of Christian Education

Kathy Westbrook, *Church Organist*

Sherry Davis, *Church Administrator*

Azeb Gidey, *Custodian*

Your Volunteer

Wedding Coordinator:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany, January 25, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
 Holy Scriptures: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 and Mark 1: 14-20
 Elders: Lee Stanley and Ruth Lutz
 Deacons: Kendall Hamilton, William Garner,
 Steve Oliver
 Greeters: Laura Andrew, Danl Giles, Wiley Harris
 Acolyte: Jacob Tate

4th Sunday after the Epiphany, February 1, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
 Holy Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111;
 1Corinthians 8: 1-13, Mark 1: 21-28
 Elders: Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert and
 Yolanda Lewellyn
 Deacons: Wiley Harris, Jackie Tate, Mark Ranney
 Jasmine Heath
 Greeters: Minnie Haynes, Sandra Brundage
 Acolyte: Theo Jackson

Continental Breakfast:

January 25: Brewer-Calvert Family

February 1: Yolanda Lewellyn

February 8: _____

February 15: _____

February 22: _____

Sunday Morning Offerings

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service



Welcome Home!

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Resolve to Love, Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Break Bread Together