

Christian Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany February 1, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Prelude *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* W. Buszin

*Entrance Hymn *All Praise to God for Song God Gives* 8

*Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

One: This is the Lord's Day, a Sabbath from the demands of routine.

Many: We step away from life's demands and the Lord restores our strength.

One: This is the Lord's space, a sacred and safe place.

Many: We enter in reverence focused on the one who renews our hearts and minds.

All: We are the Lord's people. We are here to encounter the God who speaks and knows our name. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Barbara Sims-King

Eternal and all knowing God, while we seek knowledge of you, our greater desire is to know you. We respect the practice of religion, yet we live for a relationship with Jesus. Come now in power and glory. Fill our meaningful rituals with your divine life. 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 Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

Deuteronomy 18: 15-22 (*Pew Bible OT Page 174*)

Mark 1: 21-28 (*Pew Bible NT Page 35*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith Betty 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 Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

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 "I Am Willing" Holly Near and Chris Williamson

Sermon "What Do You Want With Us, Jesus?" 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 *Woke Up This Morning* 623

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Yolanda Lewellyn

Offertory Music *Berceuse* Delbruck

*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 Yolanda Lewellyn

*Passing of the Peace of Christ Yolanda Lewellyn

(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 *Take Our Bread* 413

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert and Yolanda Lewellyn

(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
*Benediction
Postlude

Rise Up, O Saints of God

Postlude in G

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Pastor
G. Merkel

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*

4th Sunday after the Epiphany, February 1, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18: 15-22; Mark 1: 21-28
Elders: Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert and
Yolanda Lewellyn

Deacons: TBD
Greeters: Minnie Haynes, Sandra Brundage
Acolyte: Theo Jackson

5th Sunday after the Epiphany, February 8, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Lynn Trapp
Holy Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c;
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39

Elders: TBD
Deacons: TBD
Greeters: Sandra Brundage, Danl Giles,
Wiley Harris
Acolyte: Will Kidd

Continental Breakfast:

February 1: Yolanda Lewellyn

February 8: _____

February 15: _____

February 22: The Kidds

March 1: _____

March 8: Dottie Laycock

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