

# Christian Service of Worship

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

*\*indicates for those who are able to stand*

## We Gather Together

Prelude *Lamentation* A. Guilmant

\*Entrance Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* **180**

\*Call to Worship —*Adapted from Psalm 25:1-2a, 4-5* Rev. Wendy Wyche

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Many: O my God, in you I trust.**

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**Many: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. Amen!**

\*Unison Prayer of Invocation Wendy Wyche

**Thanks to you, O God, we are blessed by the power of living testimony. Jesus of Nazareth shared with his followers his personal faith conversions and commitments. We do not need to know everything that happened to Jesus, yet we do know this: He was tempted by the Tempter himself! And if Jesus could resist the wiles of temptation, we can, too. People will remember when we share our conversion, our commitment, our greatest joys and deepest sorrows, our heartaches and our victories, great and small. Empower us to worship the Holy Spirit who makes us one and makes us strong. 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 Wendy Wyche

Mark 1: 9-15 (*Pew Bible NT Page 34*)

1 Peter 3: 18-22 (*Pew Bible NT Page 234*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Focus on Faith Rev. Dr. James 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 *Lamb of God* Paris/Larson

Sermon *"Spring Cleaning: Past"* 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 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* **211**

## We Respond to the Spirit

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

*(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 *Blessed Assurance (First Verse)* **543**

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Tom Rosenberger and Rev. Wendy Wyche

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.

*(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 communion by intinction. Please come forward, take a wafer and dip it into the chalice. Holy Communion will also be served by our Deacons to those in pews who choose to not come forward and wish to partake.)*

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 *Standing on the Promises* **552**

\*Benediction Pastor

Postlude *Choral* L. Boellman

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*

**First Sunday in Lent, February 22, 2015**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3: 18-22;  
Mark 1:9-15

Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Rev. Wendy Wyche

Deacons: Jasmine Heath, William Garner,  
Pat Oliffe, Larry Todd, Mark Ranney,  
Russell Broomfield

Greeters: Laura Andrew, Danl Giles, Wiley Harris

Acolyte: Jacob Tate

**Second Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2015**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;  
Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or  
9:2-9

Elders: TBD

Deacons: TBD

Greeters: Minnie Haynes, Sandra Brundage

Acolyte: Theo Jackson

**Continental Breakfast:**

February 22: The Kidds

March 1: The Brewer-Calverts

March 8: Dotti Laycock

March 15: Janice and Helen Huyler

**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***