

Christian Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 8, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Prelude *Alla Breve in D* J.S. Bach

*Entrance Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 25

*Call to Worship —*Adapted from Isaiah 40:28-31* Ruth Lutz

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

Many: The Lord gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

One: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

Many: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Ruth Lutz

Loving Lord, please use this communal experience of prayer and praise to empower us for the way ahead. Renew our strength! In your name we gather and have our meaning. 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 Ruth Lutz

Numbers 24: 15-19 (*Pew Bible OT Page 143*)

John 14: 12-21 (*Pew Bible NT Page 109*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Betty-Brewer-Calvert

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 Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me* Larson

Sermon "Where Can I See God?" Rev. Lynn Trapp

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Lynn Trapp

(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 *On Eagle's Wings* 77

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Lillie Sapp

Offertory Music *Rock of Ages* E. Larson

*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 Lillie Sapp

*Passing of the Peace of Christ Lillie Sapp

(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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 628

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Lynn Trapp

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Ruth Lutz and Lillie Sapp

(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

Lift High the Cross

Salvation Now Has Come

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Rev. Lynn Trapp
J.S. Bach

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*

5th Sunday after the Epiphany, February 8, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Lynn Trapp
Holy Scriptures: Numbers 24: 15-19 and John 14: 12-21
Elders: Ruth Lutz and Lillie Sapp
Deacons: Mark Ranney, Russell Broomfield, Wiley Harris, William Garner, Steve Oliver, Jasmine Heath
Greeters: Saundra Brundage, Danl Giles, Wiley Harris
Acolyte: Will Kidd

Transfiguration Sunday, February 15, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scriptures: 2 Kings 2: 1-2; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 9: 2-9
Elders: Julie Fleming and Lynn Trapp
Deacons: TBD
Greeters: Russell Broomfield, Lee Stanley
Acolyte: Tori Jackson

Continental Breakfast:

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