

Christian Service of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Prelude *Meditation for Passiontide* D. Eliot

*Entrance Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **560**

*Call to Worship Yolanda Lewellyn

One: The way of worship invites us: "Give thanks, call on God's name."

Many: We remember God's wonderful works and our hearts rejoice in God's presence.

One: The way of the covenant beckons us: "Walk blameless before your God."

Many: God awakens our faith and trust and calls forth righteousness.

One: The way of the cross summons us: "Deny yourself and follow."

Many: Christ challenges our complacency and bids us risk all for the gospel. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Yolanda Lewellyn

God of Wonderful Deeds, we call on your name as we bring our words and works before you, seeking your affirmation and blessing. We are fully convinced that you are able to do according to your promises, and we want to live in covenant with you as disciples of Jesus Christ. Help us in this hour to break down the barriers that separate us from our highest intent. 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 Yolanda Lewellyn

Mark 8: 31-38 (*Pew Bible NT Page 44*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims - King

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

Lamb of God

Paris/Larson

Sermon

"Spring Cleaning: Present"

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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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We Respond to the Spirit

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Pastor

(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

Seek Ye First

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Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and the Lord's Table

Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Yolanda Lewellyn and Becky Kidd

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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*Benediction

Pastor

Postlude

Solemn March

S. Saxton

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*

Second Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Mark 8:31-38

Elders: Yolanda Lewellyn and Becky Kidd

Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Jasmine Heath, William Garner, Robbin Brown

Greeters: Minnie Haynes, Saundra Brundage

Acolyte: Theo Jackson

Third Sunday in Lent, March 8, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2: 13-22

Elders: Julie Fleming and Ruth Lutz

Deacons: Doug Schuette, Wiley Harris, William Garner, Bridgette Boker, Steve Oliver, Robbin Brown

Greeters: Saundra Brundage, Danl Giles, Wiley Harris

Acolyte: Will Kidd

Continental Breakfast:

March 1: The Brewer-Calverts

March 8: Dotti Laycock

March 15: Janice and Helen Huyler

March 22: The Kidds

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