

Christian Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Prelude *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* V.D. Thompson
*Entrance Hymn *We, Your People, God, Confessing* **356**
*Call to Worship Rev. Wendy Wyche

One: This worship is for those who find life challenging.

Many: This worship is for those who long for something new.

One: This worship is for those seeking forgiveness.

Many: This worship is for us! Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Wendy Wyche

God of second chances and loving forgiveness, thank you for the gifts of places to worship, people with whom to worship and your presence in our worship. Forgive us, we ask, for our impatience with each other, with you and with ourselves. God, guide us as we long for your guidance. 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. Wendy Wyche
Numbers 21: 4-9 (*Pew Bible OT Page 139*)
John 3: 14-21 (*Pew Bible NT Page 94*)
Ephesians 2: 1-10(*Pew Bible NT Page 192*)

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. Barbara Sims-King
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King
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 *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Eugene Butler
Trumpet Soloist: Isiah Bell

Sermon "Spring Cleaning: Here" Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
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 *Softly and Tenderly* **340**

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* **425**
Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and the Lord's Table Pastor
Prayers for the Bread and Cup Rev. Wendy Wyche and Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert
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. Gluten free Communion Bread and water are available.)

Prayer of Commission

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 *Family of God* *See Insert*
*Benediction Pastor
Postlude *Sortie on "Adoramus Te"* G. Young

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*

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Ephesians 2:1-10

Elders: Rev. Wendy Wyche and Rev. Betty
Brewer-Calvert

Deacons: Russell Broomfield, Susan Watts,
Tom Gard, Robbin Brown, Mark Ranney

Greeters: Russell Broomfield, Lee Stanley, Joan
Moffson

Acolyte: Tori Jackson

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12 or 119:
9-16; Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33

Elders: Lillie Sapp and Tom Rosenberger

Deacons: Larry Todd, William Garner, Pat Oliffe,
Steve Oliver

Greeters: Laura Andrew, Danl Giles, Wiley Harris

Acolyte: Jacob Tate

Continental Breakfast:

March 8: Dotti Laycock

March 15: Janice and Helen Huyler

March 22: The Kidds

March 29: TBD

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