

Christian Service of Worship

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Passing of the Peace of Christ Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
(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.)

Prelude *Christ Entry into Jerusalem* S. Saxton

*Opening Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* 192

*Call to Worship (Psalm 118: 1, 2, 19, 24, 29 adapted) Rev. Betty C. Brewer-Calvert

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

One: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Many: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen!**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (Psalm 118: 26-28) Betty
Brewer-Calvert

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We
bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he
has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up
to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks
to you; you are my God, I will extol you." In the name of the
Living Christ we pray. 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.*

Call to Confession

Pastor

After entering Jerusalem, Jesus looked over the city and wept. When it comes to sin and all that seeks to separate us from God and one another, Jesus weeps. He lovingly compels, commands, and calls to the whole people of God to write upon our hearts: *Grace spoken here.* Grace is love in action. Grace will speak up and make the love of God known. Such love overcomes sin and death. This love teaches us to forgive and let live. Let's pray silently our personal confessions.

Assurance of Forgiveness and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Go forth as free men and women, freed forever from the shackles of sin and set loose by the grace of God. Alleluia! Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

We Receive the Word

Welcome and Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Yolanda Lewellyn

Mark 11: 1-11 *(Pew Bible NT Page 47)*

John 13: 21-30 *(Pew Bible NT Page 108)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith / Litany of the Palms Pastor

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.

Liturgical Dance "Take Me to the King" by Tamela Mann Charles Drew Charter
School Dance Team

Sermon "Spring Cleaning: Everywhere" 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 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* 191

We Respond to the Spirit

Communion Hymn *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* 190

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and the Lord's Table Pastor

*(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. Please place your tithes in the offering
plates held by our Deacons. You are not expected nor required to give an offering
in order to receive Holy Communion. The Lord's Table is free to one and all.)*

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

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

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

Liturgical Dance	“Via Dolorosa”	Charles Drew Charter School Dance Team
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Allegro</i>	L. Boellman

Please join us for a Reception Afterward in Jerusalem Room & Pathfinders Room

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*

Continental Breakfast:

March 29: Handbell Choir

Sunday Morning Offering

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service

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Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Mark 11:1-11; John 13: 21-30

Elders: Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert and
Yolanda Lewellyn

Deacons: Larry Todd, William Garner,
Pat Olliffe, Bridgette Boker

Greeters: Minnie Haynes, Saundra Brundage

Acolyte: Jacob Tate

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18

Elders: Lillie Sapp and Rev. Wendy Wyche

Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Jasmine
Heath, William Garner, Steve Oliver

Greeters: Minnie Haynes,

Acolyte: Theo Jackson



Welcome Home!

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Resolve to Love, Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Break Bread Together