

# Christian Service of Worship

Second Sunday in Easter

April 12, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

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

## We Gather Together

One: Christ is risen!

Many: **He is risen indeed!**

Welcome and Mission Announcements

Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Pastor

*(As the risen Christ greeted his beloved disciples, let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love, saying, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "He is risen indeed!")*

Prelude

Voluntary VII

J. Stanley

\*Processional Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

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\*Call to Worship

Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

One: Today, we are of one heart and one mind as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Many: **We thank God for an abundance of grace among us.**

One: Today, we choose to share what we have because...

Many: **...God's grace is amazing; God's grace is profound! Amen!**

\*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Betty Brewer-Calvert

**Gracious and loving God, out of our need, we cry out to you. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, we also rejoice in your presence among us. Make us one people, united by your love. 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 and Respond to the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures

Tom Rosenberger

John 20: 19-31 (*Pew Bible NT Page 115*)

Acts 4:32-37 (*Pew Bible NT Page 122*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Focus on Faith

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.*

Children's Church begins with Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

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.*

Soloist

*I Danced in the Morning*

arr. Sydney Carter

Soloist: Kayla Harriott

Sermon

"Permission Giving"

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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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## We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship

Tom Rosenberger

Offertory Music

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

D. Hustad

\*Doxology (Hymn of Praise)

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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*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

Tom Rosenberger

Communion Hymn

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Tom Rosenberger and Betty Brewer-Calvert

*(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

**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

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
  
*Voluntary IX*

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Pastor  
J. Stanley

*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**

April 12: Robbin Brown

April 19:

April 26:

#### **Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2015**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert  
Holy Scriptures: John 20: 19-31; Acts 4:32-37  
Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert  
Deacons: Doug Schuette, Steve Oliver  
Greeters: Sandra Brundage, Danl Giles, Wiley Harris  
Acolyte: Will Kidd

#### **Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2015**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert  
Holy Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48  
Elders: Ruth Lutz and Becky Kidd  
Deacons: Russell Broomfield, Susan Watts, Tom Gard, Robbin Brown  
Greeters: Russell Broomfield, Lee Stanley  
Acolyte: Tori Jackson

#### **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***