

Christian Service of Worship

Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 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

Sarabande

H. Howells

*Processional Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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*Call to Worship

Rev. Wendy Wyche

One: He is risen!

Many: He is risen indeed!

One: God became flesh and walked among us.

Many: His name is Jesus and he is the Christ, the one we were seeking. Jesus lives still among us; through him we breathe the breath of God. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Wendy Wyche

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Lord our God, we rejoice that the grave could not hold Jesus, that the darkness of Good Friday did not have the last word. We rejoice that the strife is over and Christ's triumph has begun. Thank you, and may we worship you as Easter people today—people over whom death has no hold, whose presence in the world is Joy and Grace; through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. 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

Lillie Sapp

John 20: 1-18 (*Pew Bible NT Page 114*)

Acts 10: 34-43 (*Pew Bible NT Page 129*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Blessing of the Baptismal Waters

Pastor

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

Prayer and Praise for the Holy Waters of Life

Confessions of Faith and Immersions

Baptismal Candidates

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community

Rev. Wendy Wyche

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Wendy Wyche

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

Jesus Reigns

Tom Fettke

Children's Church Begins with Yolanda Lewellyn & Betty Brewer-Calvert

Sermon

"Easter Is For Everyone"

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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship

Lillie Sapp

Offertory Music

O Sons and Daughters

F. Peeters

*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

Lillie Sapp

Communion Anthem

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Hand Bell Choir

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Lillie Sapp and Rev. Wendy Wyche

(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	<i>"Lift High the Cross"</i>	108
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Flourish</i>	D. Ratliffe

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 5: The Brewer-Calverts &
Yolanda Lewellyn

April 12: Robbin Brown

April 19:

April 26:

Resurrection of the Lord, April 5, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

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

Elders: Lillie Sapp and Rev. Wendy Wyche

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

Greeters: Minnie Haynes and Sandra Brundage

Acolyte: Theo Jackson

Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1: 1-2:2;
John 20: 19-31

Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

Deacons: Doug Schuette, Steve Oliver

Greeters: Sandra Brundage, Danl Giles,
Wiley Harris

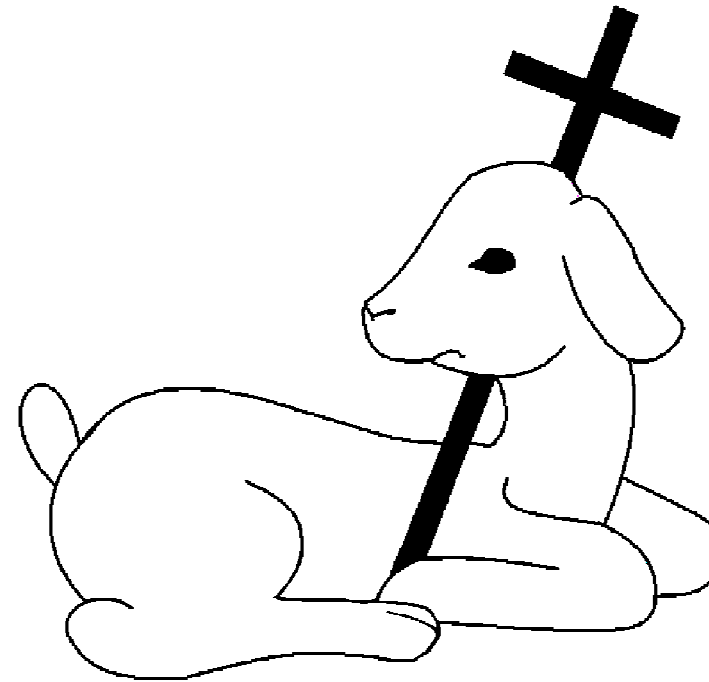
Acolyte: Will Kidd

Sunday Morning Offerings

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service



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Welcome Home!

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