

Christian Service of Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

(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 Voluntary VII J. Stanley

*Entrance Hymn *Let the Whole Creation Cry* 21

*Call to Worship —Adapted from 1 Kings 3:5-14 Tom Rosenberger

One: And the Lord said, "Ask what I should give you."

Many: And Solomon answered, "Give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil."

One: The Lord was pleased that Solomon asked for wisdom.

Many: O Lord, we are people with vast resources, give us the wisdom to use them properly. Give to us the ability to discern between good and evil and the desire to live the good.

One: The Lord said, "If you will walk in my ways, keep my statutes and commandments, then you will have an abundant life." Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Tom Rosenberger

O Lord, in the midst of so much abundance, there is the poverty of our hearts and souls. During this time of worship, move in our midst so our hearts can be warmed by your presence. Move in this place so our spirits are ignited by your Spirit. And behold, in your grace, our needs are met. We give to you the gift of our gratitude. Thanks, Lord, for you. 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

Deuteronomy 10: 12, 20-21 *(Pew Bible OT Page 167)*

Proverbs 2: 1-5 *(Pew Bible OT Page 585)*

Ecclesiastes 12: 9-14 *(Pew Bible OT Page 621)*

1 John 4: 16-18 *(Pew Bible NT Page 241)*

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

Greetings from the Dominican Republic

Henry Brewer-Calvert

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.

Children's Church with Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

Choral Anthem *Come to the Table* Allen Pote

Sermon "What does it mean to fear God?" Rev. Wendy Wyche

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Wendy Wyche

(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 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* 349

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Yolanda Lewellyn

Offertory Music *Take the Name of Jesus With You* C. Berry

*Doxology (Hymn of Praise) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 46

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 Yolanda Lewellyn

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* 425

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Wendy Wyche

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Tom Rosenberger 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.

(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.)

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>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>	434
*Benediction		Rev. Wendy Wyche
Postlude	<i>Allegro</i>	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.

Please be aware that our Senior Pastor James Brewer-Calvert is on Sabbatical from July 1 through August 31, 2015. Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King is faithfully serving Christ's church as Acting Pastor throughout the summer. Her contact info is 317-487-9554.

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*

Ron Smith, *Custodian*

Your Volunteer

Wedding Coordinator:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

Continental Breakfast

Aug. 16: Yolanda Lewellyn

Aug. 23: _____

Aug. 30: _____

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Preaching: Rev. Wendy Wyche
Holy Scriptures: Deuteronomy 10: 12, 20-21; Proverbs 2: 1-5 ; Ecclesiastes 12: 9-14 ; 1 John 4: 16-18

Sermon Title: "What does it mean to fear God?"
Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Yolanda Lewellyn
Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker, Steve Oliver

Greeters: Russell Broomfield and Lee Stanley
Acolyte: Tori Jackson

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 23, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Lynn Trapp
Holy Scriptures: 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6: 10-20; John 6: 56-69

Sermon Title: TBA
Elders: Lillie Sapp and Rev. Wendy Wyche
Deacons: Russell Broomfield, Susan Watts, Tom Gard, Robbin Brown

Greeters: Laura Andrew, Wiley Harris, Danl Giles
Acolyte: Jacob Tate



Welcome Home!

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