

Christian Service of Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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, let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love, saying, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "He is risen indeed!")

Prelude *Adagio in A Minor* J.S. Bach

*Entrance Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 65

*Call to Worship Becky Kidd

One: Let us be good neighbors.

Many: Let us do honest work and share with those in need.

One: Let us speak words that build up one another.

Many: Let us put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, wrangling, slander and malice.

One: Let us be kind...

Many: And forgiving people.

All: Let us be imitators of God, whom we worship this day. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Becky Kidd

O God, each minute of life is a precious gift, an opportunity for kindness given, an opportunity for kindness received. Help us to grow beyond measuring our faith by another's shortcomings. Show us how to love ourselves because of whose we are rather than by who we are not. Help us, O God, to use our time together as an opportunity for growing in your truth and celebrating our oneness as "members one of another". Give us cause for joy this day as we pray in Christ's name. 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 Becky Kidd

John 6:35, 41-51 (*Pew Bible NT Page 98*)

Ephesians 4: 25- 5: 2 (*Pew Bible NT Page 194*)

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.

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

Soloist *My Tribute* Denise Kelly
Isaiah Bell, Trumpet

Sermon *"Dealing with Cantankerous People"*
Rev. Paul Turner, Gentle Spirit Christian Church

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Paul Turner
(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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 86

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Rev. Lynn Trapp

Offertory Music *On Eagle's Wings* F. Bock

*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 Rev. Lynn Trapp

Communion Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* 452

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Paul Turner

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Becky Kidd and Rev. Lynn Trapp

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

Take My Life

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*Benediction

Rev. Paul Turner

Postlude

Psalm XX

Marcello

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.

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*

Ron Smith, *Custodian*

Your Volunteer

Wedding Coordinator:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

Continental Breakfast

Aug. 2: _____

Aug. 9: Robbin Brown

Aug. 16: Yolanda Lewellyn

Aug. 23: _____

Aug. 30: _____

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Preaching: Rev. Paul Turner, Gentle Spirit Christian Church

Holy Scriptures: John 6:37-51; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon Title: *"Dealing with Cantankerous People"*

Elders: Becky Kidd and Rev. Lynn Trapp

Deacons: TBA

Greeters: TBA

Acolyte: Will Kidd

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 16, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Wendy Wyche

Holy Scriptures: 1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3:3-14, Psalm 111,

Ephesians 5: 15-20, John 6: 51-58

Sermon Title: TBA

Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Yolanda Lewellyn

Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker,

Steve Oliver

Greeters: Russell Broomfield and Lee Stanley

Acolyte: Tori Jackson



Welcome Home!

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