

Christian Service of Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

*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 *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* J.S. Bach

*Entrance Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 2

*Call to Worship Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

One: Come, let us gather to worship and praise the One who created and creates.

Many: Wait, we are not quite ready. We are not perfect. We've erred and strayed from the ways of God.

One: Please do not worry or be anxious, my friends. That which God creates, God can also recreate.

Many: God formed us, and God's will is to transform us!

One: We are here to celebrate and affirm that the Lord is like a potter, making and reshaping us into God's image to be and share the Good News.

Many: Lord, mold and remake us with your grace. Let it be so in this time of worship and forever more. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

Loving God of Creation, you are the maker of all things great and small, wise and wonderful. Bless us now with your love, a love which has the power to forgive, reconcile, save, and transform.

We place ourselves before you, ready and willing to be your new creations in Christ. In Jesus' name 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.

We Receive and Respond to the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

Jeremiah 18: 1-11 (*Pew Bible OT Page 720*)

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.

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.

Choral Anthem *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Temple/Holstein

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

Sermon "Like New Clay in the Potter's Hands" 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 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!* 588

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Yolanda Lewellyn

Offertory Music *O Salutaris Hostia* Gounod

*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 *Spirit of the Living God (twice)* 259

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Rev. 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.

(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>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	517
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor</i>	J.S. Bach

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

Sep. 13: Christian Ed Ministry
Sep. 20: Janice and Helen
Huyler

Sep. 27: _____

Oct.4: The Brewer-Calverts

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2015**

Holy Scriptures: Jeremiah 18: 1-11
Sermon Title: *"Like New Clay in the Potter's Hands"*
Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Elders: Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert and
Yolanda Lewellyn
Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker,
Steve Oliver
Acolyte: Will Kidd

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2015**

Holy Scriptures: Proverbs 31: 10-31; Psalm 1; James 3: 13-
4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Rev. Wendy Wyche
Deacons: Russell Broomfield, Susan Watts,
Robbin Brown
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