

Christian Service of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 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 Voluntary VIII M. Greene

*Entrance Hymn *Morning Has Broken* 53

*Call to Worship "A Disciples Affirmation" 355 Becky Kidd

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Becky Kidd

Loving and gracious God, we will worship you with all our hearts, our minds, our strength, and our souls. May we embody Christ's way of truth, mercy, and justice for the benefit of God's creation. We pray in the holy name of Jesus, the Son of the Living God. 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

Mark 9: 38-50 (*Pew Bible NT Page 45*)

James 5: 13-20 (*Pew Bible NT Page 231*)

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 with Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community Rev. Lynn Trapp

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Lynn Trapp

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.

Anthem *We're Gonna Worship Christ the King* Pepper Choplin

Soloist Mark Ranney

Sermon "God's Healing Community" 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 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* 501

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and the Lord's Table Pastor

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

(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 communion by intinction. Please come forward, take a wafer and dip it into the chalice. Holy Communion will also be served by our Deacons to those in pews who choose to not come forward and wish to partake. Gluten free Communion Bread and water are available. Please place your tithes in the offering plates held by our Deacons. You are not expected nor required to give an offering in order to receive Holy Communion. The Lord's Table is free to one and all.)

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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* 73

*Benediction Pastor

Postlude *Voluntary X* M. Greene

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.27: _____

Oct. 4: Brewer-Calvert Family

Oct. 11: Robbin Brown

Oct. 18: _____

Oct. 25: _____

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Elders: Rev. Lynn Trapp and Becky Kidd

Deacons: Larry Todd, William Garner, Pat Oliffe

Greeters: Laura Andrew, Wiley Harris, Danl Giles

Acolyte: Jacob Tate

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Job 1:1, 2: 1-10; Psalm 26, Hebrews 1: 1-4,
2:5-12, Mark 10: 2-16

Elders: Yolanda Lewellyn and Ruth Lutz

Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Jasmine

Heath, Steve Oliver

Greeters: TBA

Acolyte: Theo Jackson



Welcome Home!

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