

# Christian Service of Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 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 O Holy Spirit Enter In Karg-Elert

\*Entrance Hymn O Word of God Incarnate **322**

\*Call to Worship Julie Fleming

One: We worship the creator of the universe.

**Many: We worship the loving, giving savior, Jesus Christ.**

One: We worship the renewing, reconciling Holy Spirit.

**Many: We have come, people of diverse life stories and faith journeys, to worship the God who loves us just as we are.**

One: Come and receive from the One who chooses us not because of what we have but because of whose we are.

**Many: God is merciful and just.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who shows no partiality and much love.

**Many: Amen!**

\*Unison Prayer of Invocation Julie Fleming

**God of glory and love, we invite you into our sacred space this morning. Enter into our hearts and minds as we lay aside the distinctions that would separate us from one another and you. We pray these things in the name of your Christ, who breaks down every wall of division, who brings us unity and peace. 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 Julie Fleming

Mark 7:24-37 *(Pew Bible NT Page 42)*

James 2: 1-10,14-17 *(Pew Bible NT Page 229)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Thanks be to Thee Handel

Soloist: Enrique Victrum

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.*

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

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community Pastor

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Pastor

*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 Ave Marie Bach/Gounod

Soloist: Enrique Victrum

Sermon "Plain Speaking" 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 Wonderful Words of Life **323**

## We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Yolanda Lewellyn

Anthem See What the End Will Be Spiritual

Soloist: Enrique Victrum

\*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 Psalter Reading 759 of Psalm 119: 1-8

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Julie Fleming 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>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	<b>631</b>
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Karg-Elert

*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. 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Sep. 13: Christian Ed Ministry

Sep. 20: \_\_\_\_\_

Sep. 27: \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 6, 2015**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert  
 Holy Scriptures: Mark 7: 24-37; James 2: 1-10, 14-17  
 Sermon Title: *"Plain Speaking"*  
 Elders: Julie Fleming and Yolanda Lewellyn  
 Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris,  
 Jasmine Heath, Steve Oliver  
 Greeters: TBD  
 Acolyte: Theo Jackson

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

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert  
 Holy Scriptures: Proverbs 1: 20-33; Psalm 19;  
 James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38  
 Elders: Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert and  
 Yolanda Lewellyn  
 Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker,  
 Steve Oliver  
 Greeters: TBD  
 Acolyte: Will Kidd



***Welcome Home!***

**First Christian Church  
of Decatur  
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***Resolve to Love, Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Break Bread Together***