

Christian Service of Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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 Today Sings the Beloved Christendom E. Pepping

*Entrance Hymn Called as Partners in Christ's Service **453**

*Call to Worship — Adapted from Psalm 90:12, 16-17 Tom Rosenberger

One: O Lord, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

One: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.

Many: O prosper the work of our hands! Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Tom Rosenberger

Lord, we have worked so hard this week. We have poured ourselves out with serving, giving, and supporting our families and friends. Today we really need what only you can offer and provide. We need to be refreshed and renewed. May this service of prayer and praise give glory to you and rejuvenate our souls. 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

Acts 2: 43-47 (*Pew Bible NT Page 120*)

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 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.

Choral Anthem To This Altar Ken Medema

Dismissal for Children's Church with Yolanda Lewellyn

Sermon "Ministry is About Relationships" 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 Here I Am, Lord **452**

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Rev. Lynn Trapp

Offertory Music A Trumpet Air Purcell

*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 We Come as Guests Invited **386**

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Tom Rosenberger and 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
*Benediction
Postlude

We, Your People, God, Confessing

Praise Be To God

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Pastor
E. Pepping

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

Oct. 11: Robbin Brown
Oct. 18: Yolanda Lewellyn
Oct. 25: _____
Nov. 1: Dotti Laycock

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 11, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scriptures: Acts 2: 43-47
Sermon Title: *"Ministry is About Relationships"*
Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Rev. Lynn Trapp
Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker,
Steve Oliver
Greeters: TBA
Acolyte: Will Kidd

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, October 18, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scriptures: Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-16
Sermon Title: *"Unifying the Cities of God"*
Elders: Julie Fleming and Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert
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