

Christian Service of Worship

World Communion Sunday October 4, 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 Picardy Meditation L. Soweby

*Entrance Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King **22**

*Call to Worship Billy Pabst,

Gentle Spirit Christian Church

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

Many: We gather to receive and share the Word and sacrament of Holy Communion. May we discern Jesus' way of faithful service here, there, and everywhere.

One: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: At home and school and places of business – in this community and throughout every land.

One: How in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: By working toward justice where there is oppression; by offering comfort where there is grief or pain; by sharing love where there is disunity.

One: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: The Spirit of God beckons us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us! Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Billy Pabst

Gracious and Loving God, please renew in us the gift of your Spirit so that we may be purified in the waters of repentance. We pray that with one heart we may glorify your name and proclaim your mercy. Open our minds to the Holy Scriptures that they may become for us living words and illumine our hearts. Let your Spirit fill us with love to inspire our prayers today for our sisters and brothers, and for the perfect unity of your church. In the name of Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. 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 Lance Helms,

Gentle Spirit Christian Church

Romans 12 (Pew Bible NT Page 161)

1 Corinthians 11: 17-26 (Pew Bible NT Page 173)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem by Handbell Choir Praise Him, Praise Him B. Burroughs

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.

Anthem by Handbell Choir Let Us Break Bread Together D. Wagner

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.

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

Chancel Choir Anthem Come, Taste the Goodness of the Lord J. Martin

Sermon "Life Together" 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 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether **392**

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Anthem by Handbell Choir Break Thou The Bread of Life D. Robert

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and the Lord's Table Pastor Paul Turner,

Gentle Spirit Christian Church

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Yolanda Lewellyn and Ruth Lutz

(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, break off a piece of Bread 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 yet wish to partake. Gluten free Communion Bread and water are also 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 offered freely to one and all in the name of Jesus.)

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	<i>We Are Walking (Siyahamba/Caminando)</i>	442
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Jubilee</i>	G. Martin



Welcome Home!

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

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. 4: Brewer-Calvert Family

Oct. 11: Robbin Brown

Oct. 18: _____

Oct. 25: _____

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
 Holy Scriptures: Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 11: 17-26
 Elders: Yolanda Lewellyn and Ruth Lutz
 Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Jasmine Heath, Steve Oliver
 Spiritual Leaders from Gentle Spirit Christian Church:
 Pastor Paul Turner, Billy Pabst, and Lance Helms
 Greeters: TBA
 Acolyte: Theo Jackson

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
 Holy Scriptures: Acts 2: 43-47
 Elders: Tom Rosenberger
 Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker, Steve Oliver
 Greeters: TBA
 Acolyte: Will Kidd