

Christian Service of Worship

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

*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 *My Heart is Filled with Singing* J. Brahms

*Entrance Hymn *Woke Up This Morning* 623

*Call to Worship Julie Fleming

One: God of Abraham, we call on you to join us in worship.

Many: Fill us with your abundant love today.

One: God of the living, you claim us as your children that we might claim one another as brothers and sisters.

Many: Open our hearts to all your children that we might embrace each other as family.

One: God of all things, you give abundantly that all we see and imagine might be filled with life.

Many: Draw us together in the kingdom to come. Draw us together in the world today. Draw us together in all times and all places. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Julie Fleming

We call to you, O God of Abraham and Isaac, God of Jacob and Jesus, and of those in this place. Today is a day of worship and prayer; we have gathered in this place to seek your voice in our midst. Fill us, Holy One, with our presence and grace. 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

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 (*Pew Bible NT Page 180*)

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 Barbara Sims-King

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer 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.

Chancel Choir Anthem

We Are Not Alone

Pepper Choplin

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

Sermon *"First Fruits"* Rev. Melissa Fain, Fig Tree Christian Church

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Melissa Fain

(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 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* 606

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Steve Oliver

Offertory Music

*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 Steve Oliver

Communion Hymn *I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me* 529

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Melissa Fain

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Becky Kidd and Julie Fleming

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>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	56
*Benediction	Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King	
Postlude	<i>Jesus of My Heart</i>	J. Brahms

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

Nov. 8: _____

Nov. 15: _____

Nov. 22: _____

Nov. 29: _____

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Preaching: Rev. Melissa Fain, Fig Tree Christian Church

Holy Scriptures: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Elders: Becky Kidd and Julie Fleming

Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Jasmine Heath, Steve Oliver

Greeters: TBA

Acolyte: Will Kidd

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 15, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: 1 Samuel 1: 4-20; 1 Samuel 2: 1-10;
Hebrews 10: 11-14, 15-18, 19-25; Mark 13:
1-8

Elders: Rev. Wendy Wyche and Julie Fleming

Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker, Steve Oliver

Greeters: Russell Broomfield, Lee Stanley

Acolyte: Tori Jackson



Welcome Home!

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

Rev. Melissa Fain is a graduate of Candler School of Theology. While she has been officially working in churches since 1999, she was ordained Valentine's Day 2010. Her church experience includes: senior pastoral ministry, interim pastoral work, pulpit supply, youth leadership, Camp Christian in GA, camp staff at Christmount in N.C., choir director, and most recently online ministry. She is a wife to a talented elementary school Art Teacher, and mother to two wonderful kids. Since ordination most of Rev. Fain's continuing education has been in new church development and church redevelopment.