

Christian Service of Worship

1st Sunday After Christmas Day

December 27, 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 (*Afterward please be seated in a spirit of worship.*)

Prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach
*Entrance Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* 140
*Call to Worship William Garner

One: Blessed are the pure in heart:

Many: They shall see God.

One: Blessed are those who wait in hope:

Many: Their eyes shall see the salvation God has prepared. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation William Garner

Christmas is over; Christmastide has begun. O God, we have celebrated your Son's birth. We have lit candles, given and received gifts, and sung carols. We have been busy. Outside of church Christmas decorations are already starting to come down, but in this sanctuary we continue to keep Christmas and to celebrate that in Jesus, many people—from Simeon and Anna, Shepherds and Kings, down through history to us—have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence and for the sake of all people. Glory to God in the highest! 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.

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 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.

We Receive the Word

*Invitatory Carol *O Thou Joyful* 169

First Lesson

Carol God declares the blessedness of all creation--Genesis 3: 8-15
Come, O Long- expected Jesus 125

Second Lesson

God promises to faithful Abraham that by his offspring, the nations of the Earth shall be blessed--Genesis 22: 15-18

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 119

Third Lesson

The darkness is dispelled by the coming of the light--Isaiah 60: 1-5
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Carol 144

Fourth Lesson

The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary--Luke 1:26-33, 38
My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Carol 130

Fifth Lesson

Matthew tells of Christ's holy birth, Matthew 1: 18-23
What Child Is This

Carol 162

Sixth Lesson

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus--Luke 2: 1-7
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Carol 163

Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger--Luke 2: 8-16
The First Noel

Carol 151

Eighth Lesson

The wise men are led by the Star--Matthew 2: 1-11
Bright and Best

Carol 174

Ninth Lesson

John unfolds the Great mystery of the Incarnation--John1: 1-14
Sing of God Made Manifest

*Carol 176

(The congregation stands for the Ninth Lesson and Carol)

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King
(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.)

*Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 148

We Respond to the Spirit

Communion Carol *Let Us Break Bread Together* 425

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and the Lord's Table Rev. Dr. Sims-King
Prayers for the Bread and Cup Julie Fleming and Tom Rosenberger
(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.

Unison 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. Amen.

We Are Led Out By the Spirit

*Hymn of Going Forth

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Postlude

Saviour of the Heathen, Come

J.S. Bach



Merry Christmas!!

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

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Your Church Staff:

The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert,
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Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King,
Dir. of Christian Education

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Sherry Davis, *Church Administrator*

Ron Smith, *Custodian*

Your Volunteer Wedding Coordinator:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

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Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sanctuary Elders: Julie Fleming and Tom Rosenberger
Deacons: Larry Todd, William Garner, Pat Olliffe
Greeters: TBD
Acolyte: Jacob Tate

2nd Sunday after Christmas January 3, 2016

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scripture: Jeremiah 31: 7-14; Psalm 147: 12-20;
Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: 1-9, 10-18
Sanctuary Elders: Yolanda Lewellyn and Rev. Lynn Trapp
Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Jasmine
Heath,
Greeters: TBD
Acolyte: Theo Jackson