



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

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News and Notes for God's Folks

175 Church Members and City Neighbors Participate to Make the Christmas Tree/Wreath Sale a Successful Venture of Friend and Fund Raising; A Grateful Congregation Expresses Gratitude and Joy (and sighs of relief that we sold out in only nine days!)

**Third Sunday of
Advent, Joy -
December 13, 2015**

Worship the Living
Christ at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Scriptures:

Isaiah 12; Luke 3: 7-18;
Philippians 4: 4-7

Sermon Title:

"Finding, Following,
and Forwarding My
Joy"

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. James Brewer-
Calvert

Worship Leaders:

Ruth Lutz and Lynn
Trapp

Deacons: Doug
Schuette and Bridgette
Boker

Greeters: TBA

Acolyte: Will Kidd



Welcome Home!

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"We are Disciples of Christ, a
movement for wholeness in a
fragmented world. As part of
the one body of Christ, we

Community Groups that served by unloading trees, selling trees, delivering trees, making meals, working at the sales table, and/or making wreaths (in alphabetical order): Alpha Phi Omega, Boy Scout Troop 134, Decatur High School Honor Society, Decatur Makers, Decatur Rotary Club, First Christian Church of Decatur, Gentle Spirit Christian Church, Georgia Tech, L'Arche, Mothers of Preschool Children, Neighborhood Residents, Oglethorpe University, Solutions for Interrupted Education, and Teague Construction

Community Groups who enlisted and were ready to serve however our Tree/Wreath Sale ended before they could participate: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Spring Into Spanish

Mark your calendars and plan to participate!

Congregational Meeting to Vote on 2016 Budget &
Nominating Ministry Report

Sunday, Dec. 13 after worship

**Original Christmas Pageant at 10:30 AM on Sunday,
Dec. 20 in Sanctuary**

**All Church and Community Christmas Fellowship Meal
after Worship**

Bring a friend and a favorite dish to share!
Sunday, December 20 after Worship at 12 noon

Christmas Eve Services

Carols, Communion, and Candlelight

Thursday, December 24 at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Georgia Regional Youth Assembly for middle and high school students is February 5-7, 2016 at Epworth By the Sea on St. Simons Island. Early Bird registration ends December 1st. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Contact Barbara Sims-King or Pastor James Brewer-Calvert for paper work and any questions about the event.

welcome all to the Lord's
Table as God has welcomed
us." --Christian
Church (Disciples of
Christ) Statement of Identity.

Offerings for Spiritual Formation on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

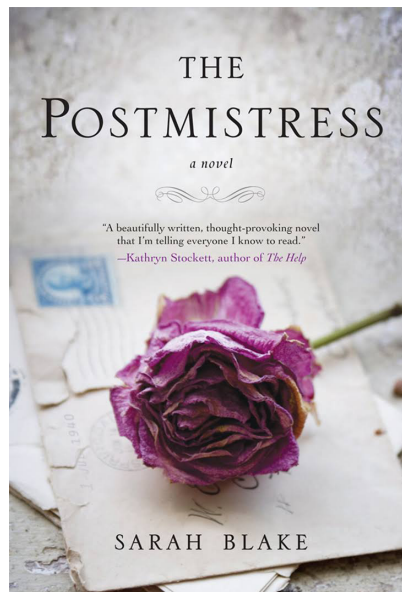
See you Sunday morning for meaningful, informative, and uplifting spiritual formation!

Weekly Montessori-based **Godly Play for Children**, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in worship and wonder room for 3 yr old through 2nd grade. **Jesus Junction Sunday School** for 3rd through 5th grade. Nursery is available for infants up to 3 years old

Adult Classes Gather Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.: **Pathfinders Class** is listening to "Freedom: The View From A Roman Jail" by Dr. Fred Craddock.

Transforming Series -- Pastor James Brewer-Calvert and Rev. Lynn Trapp will co-teach a 6-week class in January and February. Entitled "NEW BEGINNINGS" the course will cover Biblical texts of fresh starts and how we can relate and learn from the wisdom of our forbearers. We meet in the Church Parlor and all are welcome.

Alert! In February we will offer a **New Members and Friends Class** that will cover Disciples history and polity; the mission and ministries of First Christian Church; and how to tap into your God-given vocation.



First Christian Church Book Club

Book Club is reading "The Post Mistress" by Sarah Blake.

Next gathering is January 28 at 7 p.m.

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Emily Anderson and Kinsley and Addy, Rhonda Brown, Ashley Buchanan, Kariyeeyah Columbus, Mary Crowell, Rhonda Lederer, Irene Muturi, Billy Pabst, Maggie Reynolds, Thomas Smith, Quinn Stevenson, Pastor Paul Turner, John Wade.

Continental Breakfast

Ever run late to church on Sunday morning and don't have time to eat? No problem; a continental breakfast is available! Feel free to sign up to bring breakfast once in a Blue Moon. First Christian Church offers Continental Breakfast year round, and everyone is invited to participate in both enjoying and providing delicious fare. Fill in your name on an open date, place in the offering plate or return to Church Office:

Dec. 13: Yolanda Lewellyn
Dec. 20: The Brewer- Calvert Family
Dec. 27: _____

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 Worship

Participation	80
Church Offerings	\$4,821.00
Church Offsets	\$ 910.00
Restricted total	\$ 225.00
Total	\$ 5,956.00