

# Christian Service of Worship

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 10, 2016 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 *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Buxtehude

\*Entrance Hymn *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* **365**

\*Call to Worship Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

One: Do not fear, for the Lord our God is with us.

**Many: Let us give praise to the one who guides us through all the troubles of life.**

One: Do not be dismayed, for our Lord is with us.

**Many: We give praise to the one who has forgiven us and who calls us by name.**

One: Rejoice. Celebrate. Our Lord loves us even as a parent loves a child.

**Many: Let us prepare ourselves to share God's love with the world. Amen!**

\*Unison Prayer of Invocation Betty Brewer-Calvert

**O God, we remember how Jesus set an example by calling John to baptize him. In remembering Jesus' baptism we also remember our own baptisms. Guide us as we strive to serve you by serving others. We call on your presence remembering that you are always present with us. Help us to keep our minds and hearts focused on you this week that every moment may be holy. May we see all people as your children whom you love, redeem, and are precious to you. 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 Betty Brewer-Calvert

Isaiah 43: 1-7 *(Pew Bible OT Page 672)*

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 *(Pew Bible NT Page 60)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

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.*

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 *Come to the Water* arr. Anna Laura Page

*Dismissal for Children's Church with Yolanda Lewellyn*

Sermon *"Reflecting Waters of the Spirit"* 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 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* **75**

## We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Rev. Wendy Wyche

Offertory Music *Comfort Ye* F. Peeters

\*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 Wendy Wyche

Communion Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* **254**

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert and Rev. Wendy Wyche

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 partake 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've a Story to Tell to the Nations*  
*We Christians All*

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Pastor  
Zachau

*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

Jan. 10: Yolanda Lewellyn

Jan. 17: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan. 24: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan. 31: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Baptism of the Lord

**January 10, 2016**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert  
Holy Scriptures: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22  
Elders: Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert and  
Rev. Wendy Wyche  
Deacon: Doug Schuette  
Acolyte: Will Kidd

#### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Weekend**

**January 17, 2016**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert  
Holy Scriptures: Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Elders: Julie Fleming and Yolanda Lewellyn  
Deacons: Russell Broomfield, Susan Watts, Robbin  
Brown  
Acolyte: Tori Jackson



***Welcome Home!***

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