

Christian Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, January 31, 2016 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 Prelude #2 F. Mendelssohn

*Entrance Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing 90

*Call to Worship Rev. Lynn Trapp

One: God said, "Before you were born I consecrated you."

Many: Yes, Lord, we dedicate ourselves to you.

One: God will prepare the way for us to follow.

Many: Let us worship and be ready to serve. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Lynn Trapp

Almighty and everlasting Lord, your will be done. Anoint us with the Spirit that proclaims your kingdom here on earth. Sanctify the words we hear today through sermon, song and prayer to be your words of truth and healing. Complete your prophetic vision for a holy and righteous world in all we say and do for your glory and honor. 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 Yolanda Lewellyn

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (Pew Bible OT Page 698)

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.

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

Choral Anthem Freely, Freely Carol Owens

Sermon "The Sound of Silence" Rev. Michael Yandell

Invitation to Discipleship Michael Yandell

(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 Fairest Lord Jesus 97

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Faithful Stewardship Michael Yandell

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Yolanda Lewellyn and Rev. Lynn Trapp

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 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.)

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 O, How I Love Jesus 99

*Benediction Rev. Michael Yandell

Postlude Allegro Maestoso - Sonata#2 F. Mendelssohn

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. 31 Amy Yandell

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Preaching: Rev. Michael Yandell
Holy Scriptures: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Elders: Yolanda Lewellyn and Rev. Lynn Trapp
Deacons: Larry Todd, William Garner, Pat Oliffe
Acolyte: Jacob Tate

Transfiguration Sunday

February 7, 2016

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King
Holy Scriptures: Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 99,
2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36



Welcome Home!

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