

Christian Service of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 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 *Kyrie vs. 3-5* F. Couperin

*Entrance Hymn *There's Within My Heart a Melody* **550**

*Call to Worship - *Adapted from Psalm 27:1, 4, 6* Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Many: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

One: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

Many: I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

We gather in the presence of the holy, grateful citizens of the realm of God. We celebrate the loving power and spirit of the Living Christ. Here we remember the sacrifices made to build this sanctuary and community of faith. Here we rediscover that we are loved and lovable. Here we commit ourselves once again to the God of Grace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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 Tom Rosenberger

Luke 13: 31-35 (*Pew Bible NT Page 77*)

Philippians 3: 17-4:1 (*Pew Bible NT Page 198*)

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 Rev. Dr. 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.

Choral Anthem *Spin the Wheel Toward Heaven* Pepper Choplin

Dismissal for Children's Church with Yolanda Lewellyn

Sermon *"Jesus' Lament"* 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 *How Long, O God, How Long?* **642**

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Thomas Smith

Offertory Music *Dialogue - "Andan Earth Peace"* F. Couperin

*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 Thomas Smith

Communion Hymn *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* **339**

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Tom Rosenberger and Betty Brewer-Calvert

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

Creator God, Creating Still

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*Benediction

Pastor

Postlude

Postlude in D

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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

Feb. 21: Ruth Lutz

Feb. 28: James and Betty Brewer- Calvert

Mar. 6: Dotti Laycock

Mar. 13: Joonna Trapp

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Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Betty Brewer-Calvert

Deacons: Susan Watts, Russell Broomfield,
Johnnie Barber

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8;
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

Elders: Ruth Lutz and Wendy Wyche

Deacons: Larry Todd, Pat Oliffe, Robbin Brown

Lenten Devotionals are Here!

See Barbara Sims-King to receive your copy of the Fellowship of Prayer: 2016 Lenten Season by Sarah Griffith Lund. This spiritual guide is provided to members and regular attendees by the Christian Education Ministry. One copy per individual or family is available.



Welcome Home!

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