

Christian Service of Worship

Last Sunday of Easter May 20, 2012, at 10:50 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert
Passing of the Peace of Christ (*Afterward please be seated & in a spirit of worship.*)
Prelude *Saviour, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us* G. Young
Entrance Hymn *Morning Has Broken* **53**
*Call to Worship Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

One: Who are you here to worship on this day?

Many: Our Creator God who breathed life into us.

One: Who showed you how to live and act in this world?

Many: Jesus, the Christ, is our role model and our example of the perfect human.

One: Where do you get the energy and the passion to live like Jesus?

Many: Jesus promised us the power of the Holy Spirit would be by our side now and for all eternity. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Betty Brewer-Calvert
God, give us breath to praise your name. We gather to hear of your great works through your first disciples and the influence they had on the world around them. You gave them boldness of action, boldness of speech and boldness in the face of human authority. You gave and they received. Your Holy Spirit was alive, moving them to act. We come before you today to invite your guiding Holy Spirit into our lives so that we may do, say, and act in ways that bring you glory and pull the world together in harmony. Amen.

*Gloria Patri **35**
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.

Handbell Choral Anthem *Morning Has Broken* Timothy Shepard

We Receive the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Betty Brewer-Calvert
 Luke 24: 44-51 (*Pew Bible NT Page 91*) see insert
 Philippians 4: 4-14 (*Pew Bible NT Page 198*) see insert

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Recognition of the Class of 2012 Brandy Alsobrook
Litany of Celebration for Our Graduates

Leader: God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless our graduates.

All: We thank you for those who taught, guided and worked beside them. Thank you for all who loved, supported, and prayed along the way.

Leader: Walk with these graduates as they begin their next steps and move forward in life, Kasey, Suzette, Ian, Kaitlyn, Anita, Victoria, Sarah, Steven, Kisha, Amelia and Thomas. Take away any anxiety, worry, stress and confusion of purpose.

All: Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where their energy may be gathered up and used for the good of all people.

Leader: For the graduates, this is truly a time of new beginnings, a time to remember and move on, and a time to believe what love is bringing.

All: May you always know that Christ is alive and goes before us, to show and share what love can do. Amen!

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 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 *All Heaven Declares* Richards and Fettke

Sermon Rev. Adei Grenpastures
"The Power of Commitment for the Art of Completion"

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 *Ours the Journey* **458**

We Respond to the Spirit

Handbell Choral Anthem *Grazioso* Arnold B. Sherman

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Anita Renahan-White

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Lee Stanley 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.

(You may partake of communion by intinction. Please break off a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice. Communion will also be served to those in pews who choose to not come forward and wish to partake.)

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
*Benediction
Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians
A Trumpet Fanfare

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Pastor
G. Martin

Ministers: All the People

Your Church Staff:

The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert, *Sr. Pastor*
William E. Garner, *Director of Music*
Brandy Alsobrook, *Dir. of Christian Education*
Kathy Westbrook, *Church Organist*
Sherry Davis, *Church Administrator*
Elizabeth Hamm, *Bookkeeper*
Azeb Gidey, *Custodian*
Mark Ranney, *Facilities Manager*

Your Volunteer Ministry Coordinators:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*
Rev. Daphne Reiley, *Caregiver Spiritual Support*

Continental Breakfast

May 20 Becky Kidd and Diana Blake
May 27 Khwanza LeBlanc

Graduation Sunday Sunday, May 20, 2012

Preaching: Rev. Adei Grenpastures
Holy Scripture: Luke 24:44-51; Philippians 4:4-14
Chapel Elders: Rev. Adei Grenpastures and
Chris Butler
Chapel Deacons: Bryan Kidd and Hank Ferry
Sanctuary Elders: Lee Stanley and Rev. Betty
Brewer-Calvert
Deacons: Millie Linville, Tom Rosenberger,
Debbi Hamilton
Ushers: Herschel Maxey, Imogene Maxey,
Lee Stanley

Pentecost Sunday Sunday, May 27, 2012

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scripture: Acts 2
Chapel Elders: Rev. Adei Grenpastures and
Chris Butler
Chapel Deacons: Bryan Kidd and Hank Ferry
Sanctuary Elders: Mary Frances Early and
Glen Alsobrook, Jr.
Deacons: Suzette Perrillioux, Dave Andrew,
Rev. Anita Renahan-White, Diana
Blake
Ushers: Laura Andrew, Dan'l Giles, Wiley
Harris



Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

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



Congratulations to all the Graduates at
First Christian Church of Decatur.