

Christian Service of Worship

Pentecost Sunday May 27, 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 *Come, Holy Spirit* F. Zachau

Entrance Hymn *On Pentecost They Gathered* **237**

*Call to Worship Mary Frances Early

One: Followers of the Risen Christ, gather and rejoice!

Many: We celebrate the God of wind and flame.

One: Prophets and pilgrims, dreamers and visionaries, shout and sing!

Many: We celebrate the God of truth and power.

One: People of God, dance and pray and worship!

Many: We celebrate the God of Gospel and New Life. Come, Holy Spirit, come! Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Mary Frances Early

Spirit of God, rekindle our hearts with the fire of your transforming love. Spirit of Jesus Christ, touch our lips with your life-giving good news. Spirit of Resurrection, dwell within and among us. 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.

We Receive the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Mary Frances Early and Rev. Jose' Lingongo

Genesis 11: 1-9 (*Pew Bible OT Page 9*)

Acts 2: 1-21 (*Pew Bible NT Page 119*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith Brandy Alsobrook
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 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 *On the Day of Pentecost* Nolan

Sermon "Spirit Scattered and Sown" 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 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* **261**

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship and Minute for Mission Glen Alsobrook, Jr.

Offertory Music *Now, Holy Spirit* Buxtehude

*The Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Offertory Prayer Glen Alsobrook, Jr.

Communion Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* **259**

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Mary Frances Early and Glen Alsobrook, Jr.

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 until we partake of communion together.)

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 *Spirit* **249**

*Benediction Pastor

Postlude *O Spirit Divine* J. Fischer

Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. **5** Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." **14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17** "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. **18** Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. **20** The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. **21** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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 27 Khwanza LeBlanc

Board Meeting June 10th

Pentecost Sunday Sunday, May 27, 2012

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21
Chapel Elder: Rev. Adei Grenpastures
Chapel Deacons: Bryan Kidd and Hank Ferry
Sanctuary Elders: Mary Frances Early and
Glen Alsobrook, Jr.
Deacons: Suzette Perrillieux, Dave Andrew,
Rev. Anita Renahan-White, Diana
Blake
Ushers: Dave Andrew, Dan'l Giles, Wiley
Harris

First Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 3, 2012

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans
8:12-17; John 3: 1-17
Chapel Elder: Rev. Adei Grenpastures
Chapel Deacons: Bryan Kidd and Hank Ferry
Sanctuary Elders: Rev. Wendy Wyche and
Keith Williams
Deacons: Katie Brewer-Calvert, Ruth Lutz,
Jackie Tate, Laura Andrews
Ushers: Minnie Haynes, Lonnie Sapp,
Millie Suttles



Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

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