

Christian Service of Worship

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 5, 2012 at 10:50 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 (*Afterward please be seated & in a spirit of worship.*)

Prelude Adagio G.F. Handel
*Entrance Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* 595

Introduction to the Story Brandy Alsobrook
Song *Be Still and Know That I Am God*
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

“The Story of the Light, Part I” Brandy Alsobrook

We Receive the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Sally Ann Darby-Jobson
Genesis 18: 1-8 (*Pew Bible OT Page 14*)
John 8: 12 (*Pew Bible NT Page 101*)
Hebrews 13: 1-2(*Pew Bible NT Page 227*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the Word *Holy, Holy, Holy* 111
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!

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.

Anthem

Sermon *“Entertaining Angels Unaware”* 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 *Jesus Loves Me!* 113

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to the Lord’s Table and Faithful Stewardship Pastor
Prayers for the Bread and Cup Sally Ann Darby-Jobson and
Rev. Anita Renahan-White

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 come forward, break off a piece of bread 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.)

Offertory Music Choral Song S. Wesley

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

“The Story of the Light, Part II” Brandy Alsobrook

*Hymn of Going Forth *Pass It On* 477

*Benediction Pastor

*The Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all creatures here below
Praise Holy Spirit ever more
One God of love whom we adore

Postlude *Processional in G* J. Stanley

Welcome home! Please fill out our Visitor/Member Card at the beginning of the service 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.

Thank you in advance for completely turning off your personal electronic devices. Cell phones, Blackberries, gaming devices and such may interfere with the wireless sound system as well as distract people from our communal experience of worship. We do understand that professionals "on call" may need to leave theirs on.

Genesis 18: 1-8

1 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. **2** He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. **3** He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. **4** Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. **5** Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." **6** And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." **7** Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. **8** Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

John 8: 12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Hebrews 13:1-2

1 Let mutual love continue. **2** Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

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*

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday, August 5, 2012**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
 Holy Scripture: Genesis 18:1-8; John 8:12;
 Hebrews 13:1-2
 Chapel Elder: Rev. Adei Grenpastures
 Chapel Deacons: Bryan Kidd and Hank Ferry
 Sanctuary Elders: Sally Ann Darby-Jobson and
 Rev. Anita Renahan-White
 Deacons: Katie Brewer-Calvert, Ruth Lutz,
 Jackie Tate, Rev. Anita Renahan-
 White
 Greeters: Minnie Haynes, Millie Suttles,
 Barbara Powell

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday, August 12, 2012**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
 Holy Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm
 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8;
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,
 41-51
 Chapel Elder: Rev. Adei Grenpastures
 Chapel Deacons: Bryan Kidd and Hank Ferry
 Sanctuary Elders: Lee Stanley and Mary Frances
 Early
 Deacons: Rosa Kent, Dave Andrew, Laura
 Andrew, Vivianne Apointe
 Greeters: Charlotte Ivey, Jim Ivey,
 Khwanza LeBlanc



Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

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