

Christian Service of Worship

Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Call to Worship Rev. Nancy Oliver
Prelude *Cazina* E. Thiman
*Entrance Hymn *Sing of God Made Manifest* 176
*Responsive Reading — *Adapted from Psalm 29: 1-2, 4, 9, 11* Yolanda Lewellyn
One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Many: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.
One: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
Many: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
One: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say,
Many: "Glory!"
One: May the Lord give strength to all people!
Many: May the Lord bless all people with peace! Amen!
*Unison Prayer of Invocation Yolanda Lewellyn
Lord, we enter into this time for prayer and praise with a deep and abiding faith. Bless this service with the clarity of your wisdom and vision. In your name 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 the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Yolanda Lewellyn
Genesis 1: 1-5 (*Pew Bible OT Page 1*)
Mark 1: 4-11 (*Pew Bible NT Page 34*)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith Rev. Nancy Oliver
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. Nancy Oliver
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Nancy Oliver
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
Sermon Rev. Betty C. Brewer-Calvert
Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Betty C. Brewer-Calvert
(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 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* 365

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Lee Stanley
Offertory Music *Morning Has Broken* P. Manz
*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 Lee Stanley
*Passing of the Peace of Christ Lee Stanley
(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.)
Communion Hymn *I Hunger and I Thirst* 409
Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Betty C. Brewer-Calvert
Prayers for the Bread and Cup Yolanda Lewellyn and Lee Stanley
(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.)

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.

Prayer of Commission and the Lord's Prayer
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 *We Call Ourselves Disciples* **357**
*Benediction Rev. Betty C. Brewer-Calvert
Postlude *March aux Flambeaux* S. Clarke

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*
Azeb Gidey, *Custodian*

Your Volunteer

Wedding Coordinator:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Betty C. Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scriptures: Genesis 1: 1-5; Mark 1: 4-11
Elders: Lillie Sapp and Lee Stanley
Deacons: Wiley Harris, Danl Giles,
Debbi Hamilton, Kendall Hamilton
Greeters: Sandra Brundage, Danl Giles, Wiley
Harris
Acolyte: Will Kidd

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, January 18, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-20; Psalm 139:1-6,
13-18; 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20;
John 1: 43-51
Elders: Becky Kidd
Deacons: Debbi Hamilton, Susan Watts,
Russell Broomfield, Robbin Brown
Greeters: Russell Broomfield and Lee Stanley
Acolyte: Tori Jackson

Continental Breakfast:

January 11: Robbin Brown
January 18: The Kidd Family
January 25: Brewer-Calvert Family
February 1: Yolanda Lewellyn
February 8: _____

Sunday Morning Offerings

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service



Welcome Home!

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