

Christian Service of Worship

Second Sunday after Christmas January 4, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Call to Worship Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Prelude "Prelude on God Rest You Merry" D. Williams

*Entrance Hymn *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* 518

*Responsive Reading - *Adapted from Ephesians 3:12 (NLT-SE)* Elizabeth Hamm

One: This is the mystery of God revealed. The promise of blessing belongs to Jews and Gentiles because they both belong to Christ Jesus.

Many: We hear the Good News. Our lives are covered by God's plan

One: This is the mystery of faith revealed. God's grace is for all people.

Many: Ours is a boundless treasure available in Christ Jesus.

All: Because of Christ and our faith in him, we come boldly and confidently into God's presence. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of Grace, you revealed yourself to us and in so doing gave us life. We resist the impulse to hoard the great Good News and long to make your treasure known to the world. Fill us with the Spirit such that your church displays Godly wisdom inviting all to receive redemptive grace. 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 Elizabeth Hamm

Matthew 2: 1-12 (*Pew Bible NT Page 2*)

2 Corinthians 12: 1-9 (*Pew Bible NT Page 185*)

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 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 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

We Three Kings

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Sermon

"Disappointed!"

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship

Ruth Lutz

Offertory Music

Prelude on "Puer Nobis"

E. Mead

*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

Ruth Lutz

*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.)

Communion Hymn

According to Thy Gracious Word

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Ruth Lutz and Elizabeth Hamm

(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
*Benediction
Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Epilogue on "As With Gladness"

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Pastor
W. Harris

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*

2nd Sunday after Christmas January 4, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert
Holy Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 12: 1-9
Sanctuary Elders: Ruth Lutz and Elizabeth Hamm
Deacons: Wiley Harris, Jackie Tate,
Mark Ranney, Jasmine Heath
Greeters: Minnie Haynes and Saundra Brundage
Acolyte: Theo Jackson

Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2015

Holy Scriptures: Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19: 1-7;
Mark 1: 4-11
Elders: Lillie Sapp and Lee Stanley
Deacons: Dave Andrew, Laura Andrew, Doug
Schuette, Joshua Tate
Greeters: Saundra Brundage, Danl Giles, Wiley
Harris
Acolyte: Will Kidd

Continental Breakfast:

January 4: _____
January 11: _____
January 18: _____
January 25: _____
February 1: _____
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