

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
January 7, 2018
Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Lift up your eyes and look around;

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall rejoice!

* HYMN "The First Nowell" 56

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

FIRST READING Mathew Chapter 2, Verse 1-12

* HYMN "What Child Is This" 53

SECOND READING Isaiah Chapter 9, Verse 2-7

SERMON "Time and Gifts" Bill Quarles

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Confession of 1967

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

* HYMN "We Three Kings Of Orient Are" 66

POSTLUDE

***Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand**

Welcome: To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Announcements: Janell will be on vacation January 2-10. In an emergency, please call the church office or an elder.

Bill Quarles will be filling the pulpit today. Come worship, and offer your support to our guest.

Sunday, January 21 we will have our annual meeting following worship, with a afterwards.

Brown Bag Luncheon will be on January 9 at noon, 1st United Methodist Church.

Birthdays: January 5 – Patty Kasch.

Anniversaries: January 3 – Carroll and Rosa Pace.

Flowers: Flowers were purchased this week by Julia Kasch in honor of Patty Kasch's birthday.

Refreshments: Don Thompson, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: Deadline to submit articles and information for February newsletter is **January 22, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

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Pianist: Marilyn Pearce



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session Meets** – January 14, 2018.
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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