

MORNING WORSHIP

January 7, 2018

Half past Ten O'Clock

Baptism of the Lord

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Anna Laura Page

INTROIT

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ABERYSTWYTH

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Congregation: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into His presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the Lord is God!

Leader: It is He that made us, and we are His;

Congregation: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to Him, bless His name!

Leader: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

Unison: And His faithfulness to all generations.

+*HYMN 398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

from Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark* (1969)

Leader: Holy Lord God, Thine is this fair world in all its splendor, but ours is the freedom to destroy Thy world.

Congregation: Thine is the beginning and the end of all our lives, but ours are our lives themselves, to hoard in misery or to give away in joy.

Leader: Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, but ours is the ear that is deaf, the tongue that is mute, the eye that is blind.

Congregation: Thine is the Christ, but ours is the cross He died upon.

Leader: Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon all to whom we ourselves show little mercy –

Congregation: the unloving and the unbeautiful, the bitter and the lonely, the very slow, the very old.

Leader: Have mercy upon those who love and who in their love are beautiful,

Congregation: for they too are often forgotten by us, their joy itself a barrier between their lives and ours.

Unison: O Lord, in sorrow and in joy open Thou our lives to one another that we may live.
Open Thou our lives to Thee that even in dying we may never die.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:38-39

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 280, verses 3 and 4*)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to the Chapel.
They will return to the Sanctuary.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1 (selected verses), pew Bible, p. 910

SERMON

"The Good News According to Mark"

Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Kings of Orient

arr. Hopkins/Willcocks

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND THE CUP

To receive the bread and the cup – process down the center aisle, take a piece of bread; dip the bread in the cup, and return to your pew by the outside aisles. If for any reason you prefer not to come forward, please raise your hand and the Elders will be glad to serve you in your pew. If you would like gluten free bread, please go to the server nearest the flowers [pulpit side] and indicate your preference to the Elder.

*LITANY OF DEDICATION

from Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark* (1969)

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, only speak to us that we may hear Thee.
Then speak to us again and yet again so that when in our hearts we answer
Thee by saying No, we may at least know well to whom we say it,
and what it costs us to say it, and what it costs our neighbors, and what it costs Thee.

Congregation: And when at those moments that we can say Yes to Thee, forgive our half-heartedness,
accept us as we are, work Thy miracle within us, and of Thy grace give us strength to
follow wherever love may lead.

Unison: **We bless Thee for Him who shows us the way and is the way and who will be, we pray,
at the end of all our ways. Grant that even on stumbling feet, we may follow Him into
the terrible needs of the human heart. Remember us. Remember us. For Thy
mercy's sake. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

They Cast Their Nets in Galilee

GEORGETOWN

**They cast their nets in Galilee Just off the hills of brown;
Such happy, simple fisher folk, Before the Lord came down.**

**Contented, peaceful fishermen, Before they ever knew
The peace of God that filled their hearts Brimful, and broke them too.**

**Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, Homeless in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net, Head down was crucified.**

**The peace of God, it is no peace, But strife closed in the sod.
Yet, neighbors, pray for but one thing - The marvelous peace of God. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Take Up Your Cross

BOURDON

*POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

arr. Wilbur Held

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or bring it after worship to one of the ministers.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) reaffirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved away for military service, education, or work, and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (you have recently moved to this area and your membership is still elsewhere, or you simply seek to become part of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church in your faith journey).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Conversations, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn together about all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

SAPC SESSION		
Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Andy Burgin, Jill Cann, Roger Mills, Jackie Salinas, Bill St. George, Ed Thomas, Joy Vickers, Vicki Walker, Sue Ward Youth Elder – Noah Carroll	David Caldwell, Rebecca Cooper, David Harris, Ellen Harris, Todd Muldrew, Christy Parbst, Steve Randall, Jim Williams, Jamie Yearwood	Ashley Armistead, Matt Baskerville, Pam Brownlee Cooper, Meg Dewey, Andrew McLellan, Jay Pfeifer, Kris Phillips, Olen Smith, Laura Stark