MORNING WORSHIP

January 13, 2019 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ghazale Johnston, Rise Against Hunger

PRELUDE 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime arr. Paul Manz

INTROIT "Take Me to the Water" (TAKE ME TO THE WATER)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40

Leader: A voice cries out.

People: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: A voice says, "Cry out!"

People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,

for the Lord has spoken."

Leader: A voice says, "Cry out!"

People: Get up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

Lift it up, do not fear; say, "Here is your God!"

All: God is here, with us!

+*HYMN 356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (NETTLETON)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world. Your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about are our own fears, problems, needs, and desires. Help us to yearn for Your presence. Pour Your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us of self-pity and pride. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve You. Wash away our jealousy, greed, negative thoughts and the selfish behaviors standing in our way of being the people You have called us to be. As we repent and turn toward You again, we ask for forgiveness in Jesus' name. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:17, 18

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*HYMN

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
Word without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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 during the Doxology.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3 (selected verses), pew Bible, p. 934

SERMON "It's Go Time" Lori Archer Raible

*HYMN 398 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT)

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Beloved, God's Chosen by Robert A. Hobby

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

*LITANY OF DEDICATION (unison) Psalm 29

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

Female Voices: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Male Voices: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars.

Leader: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Female Voices: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Male Voices: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

All: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

Leader: And in His temple, we all say, "Glory!"

All: Glory! May the Lord give us strength! May the Lord bless us with peace!

Open our ears, to hear the music of Your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of Your glory; You are our King, now and forever. We dedicate our hearts and minds, treasure and talents to Your work of justice, love, and peace. Amen.

*HYMN 485 "To God Be the Glory" (TO GOD BE THE GLORY)

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Standing on the Promises" (PROMISES)

*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.

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) re-affirmation 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 and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and 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.

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Christy Parbst, Steve Randall, Jim Williams,	Andrew McLellan, Jay Pfeifer,	Hunter Miller, Erin Mills, Daniel Smith,
Jamie Yearwood, Youth Elder – Walker Burgin	Kris Phillips, Olen Smith, Laura Stark	Heather Smith