# Morning Worship—January 7, 2018

## Baptism of the Lord

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. \*Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.

**PRELUDE** "Prelude in G Minor" by J. S. Bach

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On that first day, when time began:

People: you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

Leader: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

People: you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

Leader: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

People: you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own.

## \*HYMN OF WORSHIP 280

"Amazing Grace"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Timeless God, you cast Light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved. Forgive us: when we still linger in the shadows; when we treat others in hurtful ways; when we speak ill of your friends. As he knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Child, pointed to him as the way to you. Forgive us: when we put ourselves ahead of him; when we think he is no longer needed; when we fail to see him in the broken of our world. Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time. Forgive us: when we fail to welcome the stranger; when we refuse to forgive as we should; when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the little.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Touched by the waters of life, fed at the feast of grace and hope, embraced in the warmth of God's love and hopes—this is good news!

People: Blessed by baptism's tears, called to servanthood by the Beloved, filled with the peace of the Spirit, we are indeed God's people—redeemed, restored, refreshed to serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.

# GLORIA PATRI (579)

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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.

## **DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offering in Music Doxology 591

"It Is Well with My Soul"

arr. Donnie Davis OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kent Shelton

## BAPTISM OF CLIFTON KEITH WALDEN, III

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**ANTHEM** 

"At the Name of Jesus"

by Cindy Berry

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bathed in the water of baptism, we are graced people. Graced people, we recognize the gifts which have been poured out upon us. Recognizing these gifts, we take them and give them back to you. God of the waters, so that others might be bathed in hope, graced with joy, gifted with your peace and love. Amen.

LESSON

(831/873)

Philippians 2:1-11,12-18 Rev. Allen Thompson

**SERMON** "From Grumbling to Grace"

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal Pg. 14)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 379

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 464, stanza 3

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

POSTLUDE

"Concerto del Sigr. Meck, appropriate all' Organo"

by J. Walther

The flowers that enhance our worship this morning are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of the Baptism of Clifton Keith Walden, III by his family.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Alice Bradshaw, (Becky Meadema's Mother), Mary Bray, Nelson R. Clark, Kathy Cropp, Marilyn East, Stacy Falden (Estella Falden's granddaughter), Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris' Mother), Maurice Katoen, Tim Kernodle, Lee Norman, Nancy Poindexter, Tom West, Samantha Williams

**ON THE MEND**— Richard Ramey, Nultie Wiseman

There will be a congregational meeting after worship Sunday Jan. 14 to cover Pastoral Transitional matters.

PW Coordinating Council will meet Monday Jan. 8th at 10 a.m. Then Day Circle will meet for Bible Study at 12:30 p.m. in room 108.

Monday January 8th Evening Circle will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Brenna Takata, 5008 Cobblestone Dr., Danville.

## SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School L. Blount & M. Meadors Children's Sunday School Whitney & Catie Clarke Lisa & Lia Argyrakis Elders at Front Door E. Blount Security & Side Door C. B. Strange Friendship Period M. Reynolds Deacon to Receive Offering Susan Mathena Barrett/Crane Officers to Count Offering Church School Superintendent Gail Davis Gene Haves Liturgist Time for Young Disciples Kent Shelton Edward Blount Sound System Team 1 Ushers Flower Ministry Deacons Weekend Custodian Ron Tanner Childcare Specialists Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler Saturday Lunch Ministry Jan. 13 J. Perez/Westover

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Saturday Lunch Attendance Dec. 30

The Presbyterian Women have the honor to invite you to a church wide reception to say "goodbye" to Allen, Kelsey and Islay as they will be leaving First Presbyterian Church for a call in North Augusta, SC. We will host their farewell reception on Sunday Jan. 14th right after the morning service at 12:30 p.m. We hope you will join us and wish them well on their new adventure.



The 2nd floor apartment, located at 903 Main St., is available for rent. Recently remodeled & painted, this apartment has 2 bedrooms (possible 3rd), 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room. Rent will be \$800/with \$800 security deposit. If you know anyone interested, please call Dick Stoakley 792-7822 ext. 5



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## The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

Administrative Assistant



# THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

# MONDAY, January 8

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Coordinating Council
12:30 p.m. Day Circle Rm 108
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

## TUESDAY, January 9

2:00 p.m. DAR Meeting No Session Meeting

# WEDNESDAY, January 10

6:00 p.m. Youth

# THURSDAY, January 11

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

# FRIDAY, January 12

All Day Church Office Closed

# SATURDAY, January 13

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

## SUNDAY, January 14

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday School:

Mid & High School, Rm 112 Outlook Class, Rm 322 Bible Fellowship, Library Seekers, Rm 109

11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS

12:00 Congregational Mtg.

12:30 p.m. Farewell Reception