

Morning Worship—January 8, 2017

*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 "Baroque Voluntary" Handbell Choir

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

Leader: God blesses us with gifts of love:

People: With food and clothing, home and family.

Leader: God blesses us with daily work:

People: And all we need from day to day.

Leader: God protects us in time of danger:

People: And guards us from every evil.

Leader: God calls us into relationship with him:

People: And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

Leader: Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

People: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to You forever!

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 379** "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we know that we forget about You, we forget to love You, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank You. Grant us clear minds to know You, new hearts to love You, strong hands to serve You. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to You.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: In Christ, we are invited to receive the love of God.

People: A love steadfast and true.

Leader: To receive the mercy of God.

People: A mercy deep and wide.

Leader: To receive the grace of God.

People: A grace precious and amazing.

Leader: Friends, God welcomes home prodigal sons and daughters.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri (579) GREATOREX, 1851

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: "Carol of the Bells" Handbell Choir

Doxology 591 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

Nicky Bracey

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Catherine Islay Thompson

Rev. Dr. Lowell B. Sykes

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Tim Carpenter, Bagpipes

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:

"Be Thou My Vision"

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

LESSONS

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Genesis 12:1-9

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Genesis 22:15-19

SERMON

"All the Generations"

Rev. Allen Thompson

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

The Apostles' Creed

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 356**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 601

"Song of Zechariah" v. 5 only

POSTLUDE

"Highland Cathedral"

Tim Carpenter, Bagpipes



Special thanks to Dr. Sykes for performing the baptism and to Tim Carpenter for providing the special music in worship this morning. Catherine Islay is named for the Scottish island of Islay (pronounced EYE-lah), which is home to the 1300-year old Kildalton Cross and the Round Church in Bowmore.

Praise God for Last Sunday:

Worship Attendance

75

Tithes & Offerings

\$13,635

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—Kevin Bailey, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, R. L. Clifton, Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Guy Fowlkes, Anne Grier, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Carol Ingram McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Lee Norman, Greg Nunley, Glenn and Rita Powers (Aunt and Uncle of Donna Parris) and their caregiver, Glenn Jr., Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Linda Terriberry, Bob Weller, Nultie Wiseman.

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kelvin Gunn, Libby Hodge, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Hampton Wilkins

Our condolences to the family of Anne Banks on her passing. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Serving Today

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| Nursery/Sunday School | Ava Barrett |
| Children's Sunday School | Whitney & Catie Clarke, Lisa & Lia Argyrakis |
| Elders at Front Door | Joan Reynolds |
| Friendship Period | Mike Reynolds, Dave Zook |
| Deacon to Receive Offering | Mike Reynolds |
| Officers to Count Offering | Beale/Meadema |
| Church School | |
| Superintendent | Gail Davis |
| Liturgist | Nancy Schomer |
| Time for Young Disciples | Nicky Bracey |
| Sound System | Fred Baker |
| Ushers | Team 2 |
| Flower Ministry | Deacons |
| Saturday Lunch Ministry | |
| Jan. 14 | Joyce Perez |

The flowers that enhance our worship this morning are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of the Baptism of Catherine Islay Thompson by her family.



Evening Circle will be held tomorrow, January 9, at the home of Brenna Takata, 5008 Cobblestone Drive.



Family Night Supper will be held **Wednesday, January 18.**

Menu to be announced.

NOTE: Price has been reduced to \$6.

Program: Bible Study

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To know Christ and make Him known

**THIS WEEK AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

MONDAY, January 9

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
- 10 a.m. Staff Meeting
- Coordinating Council
- 11 a.m. VIP
- 12:30 p.m. Day Circle
- 6:30 p.m. Membership Committee
- 7 p.m. Evening Circle

TUESDAY, January 10

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 7 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, January 11

- 6 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, January 12

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, January 13

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, January 14

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, January 15

- 9 a.m. Missions Committee
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
Mid & High School, Rm 112
Outlook Class, Rm 322
Seekers, Rm 109
- 10:45 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS