

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 last, 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) 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 “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Donnie Davis

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

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
SERMON “...to Grace” Rev. Allen Thompson

***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. H. Harris (Kathleen Harris’ Mother), Maurice Katoen, Tim Kernodle, Lee Norman, Nancy Poindexter, Tom West, Samantha Williams

ON THE MEND— Richard Ramey, Nultie Wiseman

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.

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 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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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
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Gene Hayes
Time for Young Disciples	Kent Shelton
Sound System	Edward Blount
Ushers	Team 1
Flower Ministry	Deacons
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Jan. 13	J. Perez/Westover
Saturday Lunch Attendance Dec. 30	49



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KNOWN

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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

SATURDAY, January 13

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

TUESDAY, January 9

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

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
 12:30 p.m. Farewell Reception

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