



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, join the search for all God will reveal. We are the church, committed to an encounter with mystery.

People: God has sent light to dispel our fears. The glory of God has risen upon us.

Leader: The gospel of Christ reveals God’s grace. We share in the promise of Jesus Christ.

People: We gather together and lift up our eyes. Our hearts thrill to the sight and our lips rejoice.

Leader: Through us, the wisdom of God will be made known. There is a rich variety to meet each one where we are.

People: The radiance of truth surrounds us. Boldly and confidently, we approach our God.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “As with Gladness Men of Old” No. 150

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of sovereigns and commoners, we confess that we are often more impressed with famous people than we are with your amazing glory. The rulers of this earth are more real to us than the one who reigns over time and eternity. Your priorities are not foremost in our lives. We reach for power and popularity more than for justice for the poor. We are more focused on prosperity than on relief for the oppressed. Our pursuits do not satisfy; save us from their fragmenting grip in our lives. Cause a new epiphany among us, we pray. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God will judge us with righteousness and deliver us from the oppressive greed to which we have succumbed. The showers of God’s blessings will fall on us like rain on new-mown grass. Peace will abound in the hearts of those who give help to the poor and needy. God commissions us, as fellow heirs with Christ, to fulfill the mission given to the saints. Friends, believe the good news...

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

“Home By Another Road”

Rev. John Pruitt

***HYMN**

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

No. 152

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

No. 151

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (01/07)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service
Mon (01/08)	9:00a Bulletin Information Due 6:30p Sweet Adelines
Tue (01/09)	5:00p Weight Watchers
Wed (01/10)	9:00a Weight Watchers 9:30a Men's Bible Study 6:00p The Gathering 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (01/11)	No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri (01/12)	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (01/13)	8:30a Women's Bible Study Men's Bible Study 9:00a Leadership Training
Sun (01/14)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service Ordination/Installation of Elders 11:30a Congregational/Annual Meeting

**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 14, 2018**

Annual Meeting of the Corporation

**Election of the
President of the Corporation**

Approval of Terms of Call

Presentation of 2018 Budget

**Leadership Training
Saturday, January 13, 2018**

for all

Session Members & Committee Chairs

Save Your Newspapers

The EGGs are coming!

Don't Forget!

Pick up your Poinsettias and pay for them.

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Serving Today (Jan 7)

Greeters: Ann Waddell, Dale Watts
Ushers: Millie Vernon
Lay Reader: Nancy Bolen

Serving Next Sunday, (Jan 14)

Greeters: Norman & Lynda Self
Ushers: Millie Vernon
Lay Reader: Sam Henderson

Please fill out prayer request cards.

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!

