

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Interim Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Pulpit Supply: Dianna Goodman

Liturgist: Joy Edgar

Organist: Ann Swisher

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“The Baptism of Christ”

Derek Healey (b. 1936)

WELCOME—Based on Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength:

ALL: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

ALL: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: May the Lord give us strength.

ALL: May the Lord bless us with peace.

One: Praise the Lord!

ALL: The Lord’s name be praised!

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMN “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

GtG #490

Wash, O God,
your sons and daughters,
newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people,
raised like Christ
from death and tomb.

Weave them garments
bright and sparkling;

compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

Every day we need your nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.

God, renew us;
guide our footsteps,
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Re-create us; God, transform!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your

own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.

One: The love of God flows ceaselessly. The mercy of God never ends. This is good news!

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! *(moment of silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PEACE OF CHRIST

*“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

GtG #582

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.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Steal Away to Jesus”
Edward Eicker; African-American Spiritual

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 42:1	Page 1124
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Hebrews 4:14-15	Page 1866
SERMON SCRIPTURES	John 1:19-34	Page 1646
	Matthew 3:13-17	Page 1499
	Isaiah 40:3-5	Page 1119
SERMON	“Do You Come To Me!?”	
*RESPONSE HYMN	“Baptized in Water”	GtG #482
	Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;	
	Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.	
	Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;	
	One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.	
	Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;	

Born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises
we sing.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presbyterian Church (USA) 10.4

ALL: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and Apostles rules our Faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Christ, Our True and Only Light"
 Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GtG #606

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

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

(After each "Come, Holy Spirit," congregation responds, "Fill the earth.")

*SENDING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

GtG #744

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Recessional"
Robert J. Hughes

Announcements

Welcome to Worship

We are glad you are here! Hymns are found in the “Glory to God” (GtG) hymnal in the pews, as well as on the screen. Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. After the service, join us for refreshments and conversation.

Thank you!

Thank you, Dianna Goodman, for leading us in worship today while Interim Pastor Janet Potter is on a break. Pastor will return in February.

Doors Locked During Service

Session decided to lock the main entrance doors during the worship service. The doors are locked from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The doors are unlocked again between 11 a.m. and noon.

Communion Servers Needed

Please check the signup sheet in the fellowship area to see when servers are needed.

Devotional Books Are Available

Regular and large-print copies of “The Upper Room” daily devotional guide have arrived and are available free of charge in the magazine rack next to the church office.

Annual Meeting Sunday, Feb. 16

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, Feb. 16, after the worship service. Please send your committee reports to the church office by Feb. 4.

You're Invited!

Monday, Jan. 13	Mission Committee 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Worship Committee 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Choir 2 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17	Bible Study 12/Noon Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 19	Worship 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m.

Staff

Ministers—Every Member
Pastor—Rev. Janet Potter
Director of Music & Media—Les Cramer
Organist—Ann Swisher
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Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Interim Pastor Janet Potter—on break through January

Weekly Sermon on HCTV Cable Channel 189, Wednesdays 6 p.m. & Saturdays 9 a.m.