

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Congregational Response (responsive)
We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church – Congregational Life

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Lady and Child* Philip Moore
✦ Doxology (sung)
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

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 136
Children's Message 4¢-A-MEAL Offering

UNISON READING Psalm 29 OT (p. 477)

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11 NT (p. 32)

SERMON *Pilgrim* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.../...sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God, of majesty.../...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

Hymn 95 (remain seated) (sung three times)
Prepare the Way of the Lord

Breaking of the Bread

Communion
Anthem *Eat This Bread* Jacques Bernier

Prayer after Communion

✦ HYMN 490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Benedictus* John L. Bell

BLESSING IN MUSIC [During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

Praeludium in A Minor Dietrich Buxtehude

✦ Those who are able may stand.

If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins.

All are invited to attend Coffee Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices & large print bulletins

Music Notes

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** is taken from one of many great hymns by the ecumenical leader and writer, Fred Kaan (1929-2009). The tune (“Personent Hodie”), from the Scandinavian collection *Piae Cantiones* (1582), was arranged by the English musician, Gustav Holst (1874-1934). The text:

Down to earth, as a dove, Came to light holy love: Jesus Christ from above Bringing great salvation Meant for every nation. Let us sing, sing, sing, sing, Dance and spring, spring, spring, Christ is here, Ever near! Gloria in excelsis.

The **anthem**, on a text inspired by the Baptism of Christ, was written by Leith Fisher (1941-2009), revered as one of the greatest Scottish pastors of his generation and an eloquent creator of hymn texts. The musical setting (“Oakfield”) of the **anthem** was composed by Timothy Redman (1943-2005). The text:

Out of the flowing river, Jesus ascends baptized by John waiting the sign. Out of the open heavens God's Spirit comes down like a dove in peace and power. Out speaks the voice from heaven: 'You are my Son, chosen and loved, my own delight.' Out through the life of Jesus God's word of love, calling in grace, comes to our lives. Out in the world we live in we will make known the love revealed through God in Christ.
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The choir's **anthem** during the communion is the familiar “Eat this Bread” by Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), one of his many exquisite songs composed for the Taizé Community in France. A number of scriptural verses are inserted between repetitions of the refrain:

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

The closing **choral response**, a setting of the ‘Benedictus,’ is a creation of John Bell (b. 1949) for the Iona Community in Scotland. The choir's text: *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.]*

Congregational Hymns: “**Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice**” is one of the many wonderful texts by Carl P. Daw, Jr., priest, poet, editor, and longtime executive director of The Hymn Society in the U. S. and Canada. We sing his words to the tune “Aberystwyth,” composed in 1879 by the Welshman, Joseph Parry (1841-1903). The choir's descant is by the English musician, Henry Coleman (1888-1965). At the children's time we sing the well-known African-American spiritual, “**Go Tell It on the Mountain**,” which came into wide use through the efforts of John W. Work, II (1872-1925), who, with his brother and son, was responsible for the collection and arrangement of a massive quantity of African-American song. The sung refrain, “**Prepare the Way of the Lord**,” is one of the many wonderful creations of the French musician, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) for the rich song liturgy of the Taizé Community in France.

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** are excellent examples of the rich store of organ compositions by the German master musician, Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). The **prelude**, based on a hymn celebrating the Baptism of Christ, presents the hymn melody in a highly ornate coloratura, featuring one of the characteristic solo sound colors. The **postlude** is from an extended work in many sections, demonstrating well Buxtehude's own mastery as both a composer and an organ player.

Announcements & Opportunities

The **Beadle** (young person who carries in the Bible) is Jamie Johnson.

This morning new Ruling Elders will be **ordained and installed**. The following persons will be ordained and installed: Kara Braddick, Helen Fure, Elizabeth Shupe, Kaitlin Smith, and Jonathan Tarris. The following persons will be installed (having been ordained previously): Steve Crowder, Jerry Jackson, and John Jensen.

This evening at 5:00 PM you are invited to attend our monthly **Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing**. This 45 minute service is held in our sanctuary each first Sunday evening of the month and is led by your pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend...spread the word.

THANTASTIC THURSDAY - January 11th - In January we will return to our Thursday night fellowship dinner and program on January 11. The first program will be a performance by the musical group Wonder led by Jimmy Hickman. They have performed here before and the music is a mixture of gospel and country. It's just the thing to chase away the winter doldrums. Dunlap Aud. 5:45pm, cost: \$6/person, \$16/family, under 5 & campus students free. Please RSVP by Tuesday before the event.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday, January 14th, at the close of the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of voting on changes in terms of call for your pastors.

First Baptist Church will host a **Martin Luther King Jr. Worship Service** next Sunday, January 14, 4:30 PM. There will be guest speakers, a guest choir, and a reception following the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

The **Martin Luther King Jr. Community Parade** is set for Monday, January 15, 10:00 AM, beginning at Randolph Street United Methodist Church.

We extend our **sympathy** to Leslie Wallace Lee, and all friends and family of Patti Wallace, who died over the holidays.

We extend our **sympathy** to Glenda Jackson, whose brother died over the holidays.

We extend our **sympathy** to Phyllis Parker, whose daughter-in-law died over the holidays.

We extend our **sympathy** to Emily Reel whose mother-in-law died over the holidays.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (1/7)	<i>4¢-A-Meal</i> 5:00 Wholeness and Healing Service 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Lam Handbells Choir
MON (1/8)	<i>Community Table Volunteers Day</i> 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 Helping Hands
TUES (1/9)	10:00 Lectio Divina 4:30 Congregational Life Committee Meeting 5:00 Campus Subcommittee Meeting
WEDS (1/10)	9:00 Lexington Farmers Market 4:30 Youth Subcommittee Meeting 7:00 Leah Circle
THURS (1/11)	12:00 Ruth Circle 5:00 Bible Study 5:45 Thantastic Thursday
SUN (1/14)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:00 Children's Subcommittee Meeting 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Handbells

RARA Pantry Item (January): Whole Grain Cereal



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
7 January 2018
11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Christ, Our Lord, to the Jordan Came*
Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove, and there was a voice from heaven saying: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

God's Holy Spirit rested on and in Jesus. Through him there is and will be justice, mercy, and peace for us all.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Down to Earth, as a Dove*
16th-century melody

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 163 *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We are a stubborn people, O Lord. We have entered the season in which your Light was given to the world, your blessings were poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Fill us with a desire for you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so we may joyfully love and serve you.