



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
January 7, 2018
8:30 & 10:30AM
Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
Color is White & Gold

Liturgists: Roger Penner (8:30); Hollis Beam (10:30)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able ❖ 10:30AM Service Only

I. ENTRANCE

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities

Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . *Let the people enter into silence*

The Greeting & Opening Prayer Rev. Brack

Prelude "Shall We Gather At The River" arr. Dale Wood

Marti Bessinger, organ

❖ "Still, Still Still" Australian Carol

Skip Klingman, vocalist; Marti Bessinger, accompanist

Words of Welcome

✠❖ Gathering Song W. & S. No. 3059

"Love Has Come" (v. 3 only)

✠ WORDS OF GATHERING & PRAISE

God's voice calls over the waters. **Give glory to our God.** God's Word is strong. **Behold the splendor of our God.** God's Spirit unleashes fiery flames. **Let the earth tremble before our God. Here in this place, shout, "Glory!" to our God.**

✠ PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 188

"Christ Is The World's Light" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Together, let us pray . . . **O God, who through Your only-begotten Son has poured out, under the sign of water, the grace which leads to salvation: Grant to Your Church on earth a blessing which will keep it safe, direct the paths of all who follow You, and open the gates of heaven to all who are seeking to enter, through Christ our Lord we pray. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

II. PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

❖ 3-M: **MINI-METHODISTS MOMENT** Ruth Boyd

As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163

"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163

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✠ THE EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

"Behold! The Wisdom of God's Word!"

Leader: And this is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ THE GLORIA PATRI

U.M.H. No. 70

HOMILY

"What's the Big Deal About Baptism?"

Rev. Brack

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS & OURSELVES

PASTORAL PRAYER

III. THANKSGIVING and HOLY COMMUNION

Steward: Carol Paxton

Servers: Roger Penner, Hollis Beam, Logan Doyals, Witten Beam

A SERVICE OF WORD and TABLE II

U.M.H. No. 12

PASSING OF THE PEACE Sharing signs of love and reconciliation

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING . . . In this place of worship, let everyone shout to our God, "Glory." In this body of Christ, let everyone offer thanks for being called as Christ's disciples. In this fellowship of the Holy Spirit, let everyone give generously in response to the blessings we have received.

OFFERTORY

"Still, Still, Still"

Australian Carol

Skip Klingman, vocalist; Marti Bessinger, accompanist

❖ "Shall We Gather At The River" arr. Dale Wood

Marti Bessinger, organ

✠ DOXOLOGY

"From Whom All Blessings Flow"

U.M.H. No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

8:30AM Service . . .

U.M.H. No. 15

❖ 10:30AM Service . . . Musical Setting "D" U.M.H. Nos. 23-24

GIVING THE BREAD and CUP

❖ **HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS Nos. 347, 605, 606, 608, 604**

[❖ To Be Sung as the Loaf and Cup are Shared With Those at the Holy Table]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray together . . .

People: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. We are now empowered to do all You call us to do. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Jana Lou Scott, Dick Knutson, Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl (& spouse Gerald), John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski & John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Butch Collins, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, Clea Sims, LaVerna Reid, John Fleming, Alcy Wilkie (W/CORN), Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Curtis Adkins, Bobby Cornelson, LaJuan McCraw, Betty Osmus, Terry Fuller's son, Troy Lee (funeral director in Clinton).

Joys & Concerns—Bill Townsend (Nic's dad); Donna Taylor (heart surgery Jan. 25th, dau. of DJ & Vernell Snider); Cheri & Gerald Payne (Brookdale, Kelley Ramey's mom); Joyce Hamburger (medical); all world leaders; Bryan Baxter; Those struggling with marital issues; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Wanda Avant; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Karen & Kenny Day; Kamdyn Taunton; Hannah Bockelman; Kirk Milligan; Tyler Hoffman; KeriAynn Strickler; Kristi Lamle; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

IV. SENDING FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (8:30AM only) U.M.H. No. 332
"Spirit of Faith Come Down" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

✠ COMMISSION and BLESSING

God sits enthroned over the waters as king forever. God sits enthroned over the waters of creation, the waters of Mary's womb, the waters of our baptism. Christ lives in us and through us as we splash with wet joy. Remember your baptism and be thankful! Amen? **AMEN!**

❖✠ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3063
"If I Could Visit Bethlehem" (vv. 1 & 3)

If I could visit Bethlehem what presents would I bring?
If I could see what happened then, and say, "I'm glad you've come."
I wouldn't take a modern toy but gold to pay for bread,
Some wine to give His parents joy and wool to warm His bed.

I'd say, "He'll never hurt or kill, and joy will follow tears.
We'll know His name and love Him still in twenty hundred years."
I cannot visit Bethlehem but what I can, I'll do:
I'll love You, Jesus, as my friend, and give my life to you."

POSTLUDE "As With Gladness Men of Old" Konrad Kocher
Marti Bessinger, organ



A man had two sons.
And he went to the first and said,
**"Son, go and work in
the vineyard today."**
MATTHEW 21: 28

Today, Sunday January 7, 2018 . . .

. Pardon our progress! We will NOT be having "First Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon" today. The Fellowship Hall and Kitchen are being re-painted and re-floored. All work should be completed by the end of January. THANKS to our Board of Trustees (Jim Long, chair) and our Memorial Committee (Mary Fast, chair) for making these over-due projects a reality.

. 5:30PM to 6:30PM . . . Committee Work Areas will be meeting in classrooms along the west-side Corridor. Your committee is meeting if you have been contacted by your chairperson—no contact | no meeting.

. 6:30PM to 7:30PM . . . Leadership Team meeting in the Neonate Classroom area, with Todd Doyals presiding.

. Our youth director, Kelley Ramey, will be leaving this afternoon for her annual youth ministry continuing education event at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. Let us keep Kelley close in our thoughts and prayers this week.

Sign-ups & Service Opportunities . . .

, "Wonderful Wednesday" begins on January 17th. Melissa Jackson, Children's Ministry coordinator, needs your help with light snack suppers for the children when they gather from 5:30P to 6:00P. We need snacks for approx. 15 children. Sign-up sheet located at the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact Melissa at 620-655-8696.

, Please remember the Youth Group fundraiser that continues along the west-side corridor next to the Youth Lounge. They still have a variety of pecan delights for sale.

, Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to serve as a Liturgist in either service, or as a Holy Communion Server in the 10:30A service.