

# SUNDAY CELEBRATION

JANUARY 13, 2019

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

11:00 A.M.

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

### Weekly

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship  
Communion  
first Sunday  
of each month

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

*Dedicated to the Glory of God on September 13, 1885  
Highlands, North Carolina*

## Gather in God's Name

*Please silence cell phones and quiet your voices, giving our attention to the presence of God in our midst*

**Childcare is available in the nursery**  
**Large print hymnals available—see usher**  
**\*Indicates that those who are able may stand**

### Ringing of the Church Bell

**Prelude** "O Come, Little Children" German Carol  
Savanna Bubenick, *Violinist*

**Welcome** Emily Wilmarth

### \*Opening Litany

Leader: Ascribe to our God, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to our God glory and strength.

**Right Side: Ascribe to our God a glorious name;  
worship our God in holy splendor.**

*Left Side: The voice of our God is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.*

**Right Side: The voice of our God is powerful;  
the voice of our God is full of majesty.**

*Left Side: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*

**Right Side: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

*Left Side: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.*

**Right Side: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

*Left Side: The voice of our God causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"*

**Right Side: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
Our God sits enthroned as ruler forever.**

Leader: May our God give strength to the people!  
May the Lord bless the people with peace!  
*From Psalm 29*

**\*Hymn #612** "We Praise You, O God" KREMSE

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

*We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God.  
We look for ourselves in all the wrong places - success, power, adulation.  
We carve our names in the granite walls of productivity, hoping we will be  
remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of  
baptism, but live as if they have not changed us. God of our baptism, help*

*us to hear your sure word, 'do not fear.' Help us to live in the confidence  
that our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to  
claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we  
discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus Christ, our  
Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. (Moment of silent individual  
confession) Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

## Proclaim God's Word

**Children's Moment** Curtis Fussell

**Scripture Reading** Luke 3: 15-22

**Sermon** "Water, Fire, Spirit" Emily Wilmarth

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*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.*

*From A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA, 1983*

**\*Gloria Patri** GREATOREX

**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. Amen.**

*Hymn 581*

## Give Thanks To God

### Celebration of Ministry and Membership

(Please sign and pass the friendship registry pad  
and then return it so you can know your neighbors in God's household today.)

### Prayers of God's 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of January is Gerri Tulley.

**A very special thank you to Savanna Bubenick for her participation in today's service.** Savanna is a 2nd grader at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. Her interests include playing violin, tap dancing, Musical Theatre, and Competitive Gymnastics. She enjoys being creative through art and music, having play dates with friends, and playing with her pet hamster, Tiny, and with her pet turtle, Izzy. Savanna lives in Highlands, and is the daughter of Bill and Jennifer Bubenick.

**Special thanks to Christine Reeder for singing a solo during today's service.** Christine is from Asheboro, NC, and is a Junior at Western Carolina University. In high school, she was a member of the Advanced Choral Ensemble, Beta Club, and served as president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. During her senior year in high school, Christine received an award for outstanding performance in Theater, and she graduated third in her class. At WCU, she is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Music and is a member of WCU's Concert Choir, Opera Ensemble, and Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity (Eta Theta chapter). She performed with the WCU concert choir at Carnegie Hall in May 2018. Christine serves as an Intern in the Chancel Choir.

**Men's Prayer Group**—The Men's Prayer Group meets every Monday at 8:00 a.m. in the Highlander Room. Meetings begin with devotion and prayer, and are followed by breakfast at a local restaurant. All men of the church are invited to join.

**The Beyond the Walls Book Club** meets every Tuesday, at 4 pm, at The Ugly Dog Public House. We are currently reading *The O. Henry Prize Stories 2018*, edited by Laura Furman. Books are available at Amazon.com or in the church office for \$12.00. You are invited to join this energetic group as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

**The Food Pantry** is collecting egg cartons. Please recycle your egg cartons by bringing them to the church and placing them in the labeled box located in the Ravenel Room.

**The 2019 Flower Calendar** is now available. To provide flowers in honor of a loved one, please fill out a flower leaflet and the flower calendar located upstairs in the main hallway. Contributions to the flower fund are always appreciated.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** will resume on January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for the Chancel Choir's return to worship services on February 3rd.

**The Sunday Morning Worship Service** will be meeting in Coleman Hall next Sunday, January 20th due to the installation of new carpet in the sanctuary.

For reasons of safety, Adult Education & Worship Services may be canceled in inclement weather.

The congregation will be notified by phone and through Facebook.

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### Please keep in your prayers these members and friends of the congregation:

Clayton Anderson (Gail Carpenter's brother),  
Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece), Steve Castellaw, Wayne Coleman,  
Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan's mother), Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother),  
Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland's sister),  
Makenzie Howard (Pam & Bill Peacock's granddaughter),  
Linda Lancaster, Mary & Jimmy Langham,  
Ethan Lassiter (grandson of Marianne & E.G. Lassiter),  
Elizabeth Mauldin (Bill Mauldin's daughter), Celia McCullough,  
Terry McMahan, Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page),  
Beth Sellers (Anne Sellers' daughter-in-law),  
Veda & Jimmy Sherard, and Kay Smith.

### Please keep in your prayers these members in the community and beyond:

Harriet Bauknight, Mike Bobo, Caroline Cook, Jodie Cook, Lyle Cox,  
Agnes Crowe, Wendy Davis, Steve Foster, Jackson Hall,  
K.C. Hembree, Billie Jean Hendrix, Jeff James, Donna Kneeland, Cherry Martin,  
Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife), Lil Murphy, Melanie Nix,  
Eliza Parish, Seth Satterwhite, Jim Shearon,  
Gene Talley, Lil Waller, and Woodrow Wilson.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 13	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, Jan. 14	8:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room —See announcement
Tuesday, Jan. 15	4:00	Book Club— <i>Counterblast</i> by Marjorie Celona —The Ugly Dog Public House —See announcement
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, Jan. 16	3:00	Staff Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 17	5:30	ESL/GED Dinner & Class —Westminster Room & Coleman Hall —see announcement

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

9:30 Adult Education Class —Library  
11:00 Morning Worship Service —Coleman Hall  
Jacob Plaisted, *Baritone*



### Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

#### Offertory

"This is de Healin' Water"  
Christine Reeder, *Soprano*

Spiritual  
arr. Hall Johnson

#### Refrain

Oh, this is de healin' water, water, water.  
Oh, this is de healin' water. Be baptized.  
It's flowin' from de fountain, fountain, fountain.  
It's flowin' from de fountain. Be baptized.

Come along, mo'ner, come along, mo'ner.  
Come along, mo'ner. Be baptized.

#### Refrain

Come along, seeker, come along, seeker.  
Come along, seeker. Be baptized.

#### Refrain

Come along, sinner, come along, sinner.  
Come along, sinner. Be baptized.

#### Refrain

#### \*Doxology

*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.*  
*Hymn 606*

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#### \*Prayer of Dedication

## Go In God's Name To Serve

#### \*Hymn #688

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"  
vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

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#### \*Charge and Benediction

#### \*Postlude

"The Heavens are Declaring" Ludwig van Beethoven

#### Participating in Today's Service:

Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

#### Our Greeters today are:

Darlene & Scottie Scott, Dick Grier & Gerri Tulley

**WE WELCOME GUESTS** who are worshipping with us today.

If you are seeking a church home and would like to follow Jesus Christ through the fellowship of this congregation, we invite you to full or affiliate membership. For more information, please speak with one of the ministers after worship, or call the church office.