

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2017 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude "Settled In the Peace of God" (Warriner) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Christ is our light, our way in the dark.

P: Come to the light of Christ.

L: Christ calls us here, to worship and pray.

P: Come and answer Christ's call.

L: Christ leads us forth, to teach and heal.

P: Come and worship our God! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" **UMH 103**

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Light of the World, shine upon us this day. Break through the clouds that separate us from one another, that we may worship You as one body. Guide our steps, that we may walk in Your light and live as Your people of love. Amen."

Anthem "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (arr. D.R. Edwards) Handbell Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (v.1) **UMH 297**

Prayer of Petition (in unison)

"You are our light, our salvation, the stronghold that lifts us up. When our light fades from confusion and doubt, encourage us with Your hope. When our light dims from division and anger, shine upon us with Your grace. Work new miracles in our lives, that we may be Your sons and daughters, in whom You delight--even as Jesus was Your delight at His baptism. Amen."

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Hebrew Scripture **Psalm 27: 1-9**

Epistle Lesson **1 Corinthians 1: 10-18**

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Ginger Walls

Hymn of Faith "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" **UMH 402**

Message "Is Christ Divided?" Rev. Wayne Chung

Paul is concerned that there are divisions and factions in the church at Corinth. What produces unity among the people of God? "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "The Shepherds' Story" (arr. F.L. Callahan) Handbell Choir

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** "We Are the Church" **UMH 558**

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

***Hymn Response** "Amen" **UMH 898**

Postlude "Postlude in G" (CPE Bach) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Micah 6:1-8 **Psalm 15** **1 Corinthians 1:18-31** **Matthew 5:1-12**

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Family and Friends of John Warman who passed away suddenly this week, Family and Friends of Jim Daniels who passed away on January 6, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Minerva Moreland, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Ove Kongsted – father of Debbie Holloway, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Those who travel

*Today's altar flowers are presented by Martha Wooldridge
in memory of her father Eldridge Wilkerson*

