

Baptism of the Lord, Communion Sunday

January 7, 2018 11:00 am

“God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)

Prelude **“The Holly and The Ivy”** (Rasley) Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Come, mighty God, and bring light to our darkness.

P: Claim us as Your beloved children.

L: Come, loving Christ, and call us as Your own.

P: Heal us with Your presence.

L: Come, Holy Spirit, and sweep over us our souls.

P: Fill us with Your power. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** **“When Jesus Came to Jordan”** **UMH 252**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

“God, who watches over us, offering us light and hope, be with this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us remember Your cleansing, healing, and calling for us as we remember our baptism and give thanks. Amen.”

Children’s Message

Hymn Response **“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”** **UMH 334**

Prayer of Petition (in unison)

“Creator God, Maker of all that is and ever will be, in this day of celebration and memory, fill us with Your word and bathe us in Your Spirit, that we may know ourselves as beloved children, ready to give of ourselves for the sake of the world. Amen.”

Gospel Lesson **Mark** **1:1-11** Linda Thompson

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

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

***Hymn of Faith** **“Spirit Song”** **UMH 347**

Message: **“Chosen by Love”** Rev. Wayne Chung
When Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven came: *“You are My Son, chosen and marked by My love.”* In baptism we become part of Christ's body. *“Remember your baptism and be thankful!”*

Giving in Response to God’s Love
Offertory **“The First Noel”** (arr. Rice) Sandy Griese

HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving-**The Lord’s Prayer**-Sharing of the Bread and Cup **UMH 15-16**
Communion Hymns: UMH 254 We Three Kings, 250 Once in David’s Royal City, 249 There’s a Song in the Air

Pastoral Prayer

***Closing Hymn** **“Fairest Lord Jesus”** **UMH 189**

***Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**

***Hymn Response** **“Angels from the Realms of Glory”** (refrain) **UMH 220**
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Postlude **“Jubilate Deo”** (Blake) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday
1 Sam. 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Cor. 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Linda Vann, Jane Bowman, Cheryl Castner’s father – taken to rehab, her niece, and the Castner family, Jay Lounsbury’s sister, Ann Curry, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 108
 Average Weekly Attendance 189

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-November 2017					
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %		
General Fund	\$345,497	\$333,905	\$11,592	3%		
Missions Fund	\$26,356	\$20,389	\$5,967	29%		
P&I Fund	\$15,246	\$16,500	(\$1,254)	-8%		
Building Fund	\$67,010	\$60,500	\$6,510	11%		
Kitchen Fund	\$8,050	\$22,000	(\$13,950)	-63%		
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	6	Other	8	YTD Cereal	1632

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$111,871 as of November 30, 2017
 Mortgage Loan Balance = \$350,204 as of November 30, 2017

Service:

Ministers All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 11:00 am Worship Service



Our Mission: “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
 Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

Our Motto: “Each One, Reach One!”