

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 24, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Thompson

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Lily Ann Brinkley & Miss Ella Harrell, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 1

Mr. Don Joyner

Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord.

**They are like trees planted by water,  
sending out roots by the stream.**

They have no fear of summer's heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

**In the year of drought they are not anxious,  
for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.**

Come to the waters of life all you who trust in the Lord.

**We have come to worship the God of all creation,  
and to send forth our roots into streams of God's living water!**

INTROIT

*Down to the River to Pray*  
The Vocal Ensemble

arr. Sheldon Curry

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Joyner

+HYMN OF PRAISE 310 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

In Pew Bible, page 133 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,  
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:16-25

Dr. Linda Alexander

In Pew Bible, page 232 of New Testament

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Alexander & Rev. Thompson

Refrain: Lord, please show us Your mercy.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

Friends, call to mind what God has done for you through Jesus Christ.

Think about how God's love comes again and again in fresh and surprising ways;  
reflect on the fruit of God's Spirit growing in your spirit.

**We will remember all the mercy, all the wonder, and all the joy  
which is ours through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**And from the rich abundance of the Spirit's fruit,  
we will live and serve.**

+HYMN 680

*I Then Shall Live*

FINLANDIA

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Jayne Frei

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 17:5-10

Mrs. Frei

In Pew Bible, page 879 of Old Testament

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SERMON

*Rooted Disciples*

Rev. Thompson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION

*It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.*

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 519 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ASH GROVE

+BENEDICTION

Rev. Thompson

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

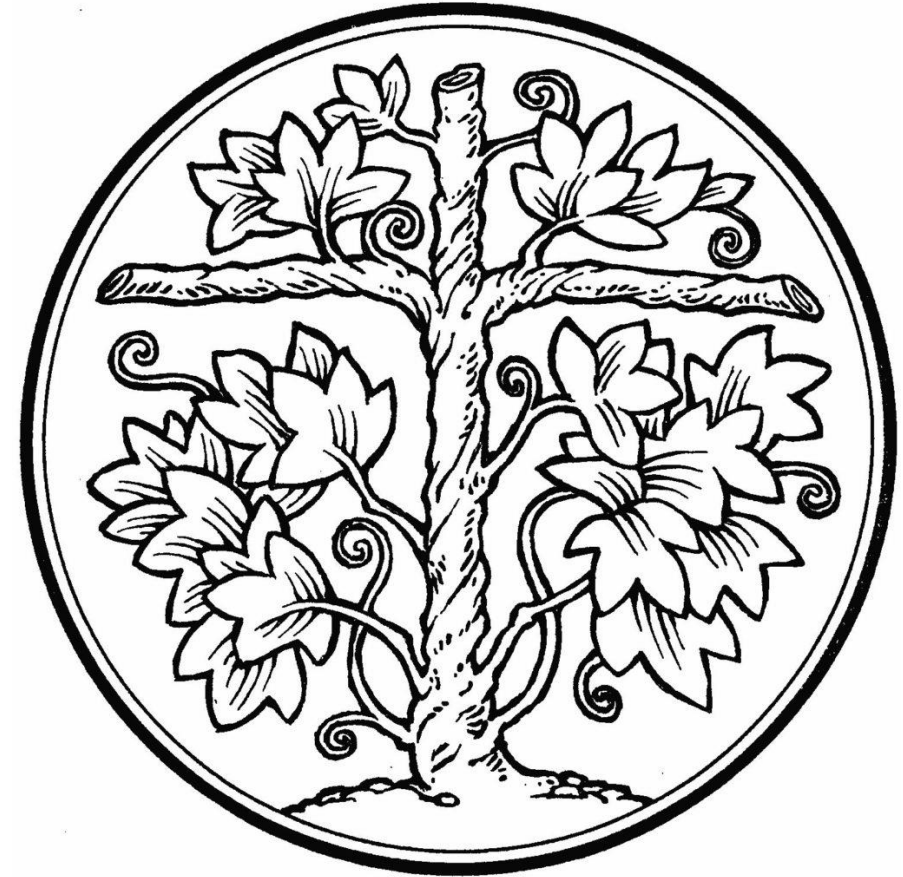
+POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Duck & Jerri Harrell in honor of their children, Michael & Billie Jo Harrell and their grandchildren, Miles, Jordan & Mary Joe Harrell.*

*We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:*

*Babies: Austine Evans & Sandra Pierce  
Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia Copeland  
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Eva & James Early  
Floater: Judy H. Pierce*



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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)  
Pastor

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas  
Minister to Youth & Children

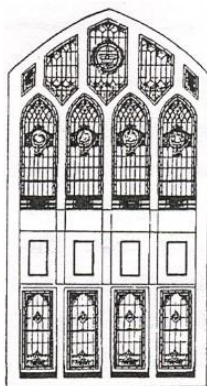
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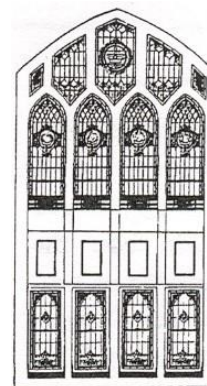
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