Service of Worship

Preparing for worship—For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.

Leader: The Lord be with you! People: The Lord bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REOUESTS



Psalm 100

- Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

- † INTROIT # 119 – I Sing the Almighty Power of God
- [†] PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Righteous are You, O Lord,	Psalm 119:137-144
Your testimonies, which You have comman	And upright are Your judgments. ded,
My zeal has consumed me,	Are righteous and very faithful.
Because my en Your word is very pure;	nemies have forgotten Your words.
I am small and despised,	Therefore Your servant loves it.
Your righteousness is an everlasting righted	Yet I do not forget Your precepts.
	And Your law is truth.
	r commandments are my delights.
The righteousness of Your testimonies is ev Give	verlasting; me understanding, and I shall live.

Leader: O Lord, give ear to our prayers. People: Light the darkness of our hearts, Christ Jesus!

† HYMN OF APPROACH

342 – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (Let those who are able kneel)

- Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God. Almighty and Most Merciful God:
- People: We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; and there is nothing good in us. We are guilty of pride, envy, sinful anger, and selfishness. We have been unchaste, sinfully anxious, and slothful in matters temporal and eternal. We deserve eternal punishment rather than Your grace in Christ Jesus. We are sorry; we humbly repent

and ask You to incline our hearts to holiness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen!

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in Leader: our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!





Leader: Lift up your hearts! People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so.

God Consecrates Us **† FIRST READING** Isaiah 35 **† SECOND READING** Jude 17-23 Leader: The Word of the Lord— People: Thanks be to God! PASTORAL PRAYER **† SERMON TEXT** Matthew 11:1-6 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dealing with Doubts SERMON Pastor Jay Barfield **† HYMN OF RESPONSE** # 468 – My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! People: And His mercy endures forever!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE Passing of the Bread Passing of the Wine

Psalm 23b Psalm 71a Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. People: Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

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Heidelberg Catechism (Q. 1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong-body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.



† BENEDICTION ‡ DOXOLOGY

Notes

Announcements

CHURCH FUNCTIONS

- Wednesday evening activities: Supper at 5:45, followed by choir and prayer meeting.
- Second Sunday lunch: Today after morning worship

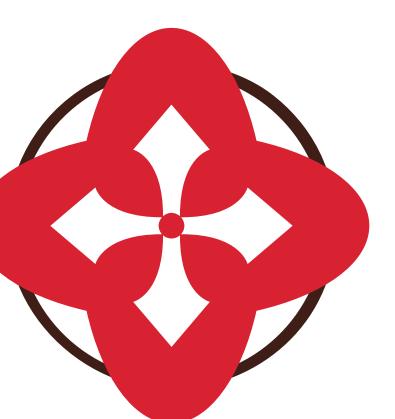
NURSERY WORKERS

- Today
 - Charlotte Oswalt (Sunday School)
 - S. Quarleses (Worship) 0
- Next Week
 - Charlotte Oswalt (Sunday School)
 - S. Quarleses (Worship)

GENERAL

- DATE CHANGE! A ladies' Sunday School class will begin next Sunday, January 21st and will cover the book, Learning Contentment by Nancy Wilson. See Beth Durham for books that can be purchased from the church for today.
- A ladies' planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18t at 7:00 at the Durham home. Please let Beth know if you're coming. Also, let Beth know if you are not able to come but would like to place your name under one of the events or ministries.
- The Mid-South Men's Rally is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2018 at FPC.
- Our Eighth Annual Old Fashioned Ball is planned for Friday, February 16th at 6pm at Highland Colony Baptist Church in Ridgeland. Tell your friends! Please RSVP at our website.





IMMANUEL **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY **JANUARY 14, 2018**

9:00 AM Sunday School and 10:30 AM Worship