

Sermon

'Aint Nothin' Good Never Come Outta Nazareth

Senior Pastor

Responding

Silence for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Church Member

Offertory

Church Organist

+ The Singing of the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

+ Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God: the God who spoke to Samuel and Magi in the dark.
We believe in Jesus: the savior who calls disciples today.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who can make good come from unexpected places.
We believe in Love, greater than our wildest dreams. Amen.

Senior Pastor

Celebration of Holy Communion

*We believe that communion is the fulfillment of an ancient vision: Judas and Jesus at the same table.
Therefore, you don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the table of grace.
When the ushers invite you, please come forward.*

Words of Institution

Church Member

Prayer of Consecration

Clergy

Distribution of the Elements

+ Passing of the Peace

+ Hymn of Response No. 473

Will You Come and Follow Me?

The love of God calls us again and again to respond in new and creative ways. If part of your response today is to join this church or become a Christian, please come forward during this hymn, and one of our ministers will be happy to greet you.

+ Welcome to New Members

We affirm you in your Christian Decision. We welcome you among us. We pledge to be for you a family of faith: learning with and from you, worshipping with you, laughing with you, and when needed, crying with you. Amen.

+ Life of the Church and Pastoral Benediction

Senior Pastor

+ Congregational Benediction Hymn No. 497

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Postlude Meditation and the Sending of the Light

Church Organist



Calling Disciples, He Qi



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BAPTIST CHURCH

The people gather | January 14, 2018 | Second Sunday of Epiphany

The Worship of God

“Can Anything Good Come Out of Nazareth?”

Gathering, Seeking Christ Together

The Tolling of the Hour

Church Carillonist

Words of Welcome

Church Member (Today's Liturgist)

Prelude Meditation and the Bringing of the Light

Church Organist

The Procession of the Carillon

Acolytes

Borrowed from Lake Shore Baptist Church in Waco, TX, this tradition invites us through the sound of shrill bells and the unique presence of this instrument to seek Christ in new ways and in new places.

A Dramatized Scripture Reading

Youth Ministry

I Samuel 3:1-10

This is one of our sacred stories.

Thanks be to God.

Introit

Jesus, You Once Called Disciples

The choir will sing the first verse of this new hymn as an introit, and the congregation will join with verse two.

Jesus, you once called disciples, choosing twelve to follow you:

Simon (also known as Peter), Andrew and Bartholomew,

Philip, Thomas, James and Matthew, Simon, Thaddaeus, John, and James —

Then there was the one called Judas. These were your disciples' names.

+ Processional Hymn

Jesus, You Once Called Disciples

Women, too, were your disciples, sitting, learning, at your feet.

Mary knew your word was precious, even more than food to eat.

Martha trusted in your power when her brother Laz'rus died.

Women shared your journey, Lord, and stayed when you were crucified.

Lord, so many heard and followed, like the woman at the well.

Meeting you, the living water, she sought others she could tell.

Like the boy with loaves and fishes, like Zacchaeus in the tree,

Many gladly heard your message; many shared your ministry.

Jesus, still you call your people, "Come and follow me today!"

Some, like Paul, feel sudden wonder; some are brought up in your way.

Lord, no matter how we meet you, by your Spirit, make us new.

May we know your living presence; may we daily follow you.

Confession, Pardon, and Calling

+ Psalm Reading

Church Member

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

A Psalm from the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Time for Young Disciples

Children's Minister

Children ages four through the fourth grade are invited to the front for Children's time. Children birth through kindergarten may follow the light to Children's church afterwards.

Epistle Reading

Clergy

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A troubling word for those in power.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

Church Member

God, we confess that too often we have protected abusers instead of believing the abused.

God, we confess that sometimes, we have thought our country or our people were better than the rest of the world you've created.

God, we confess that, knowingly or not, we have contributed to making society less equal, less just, and less godly.

God, we confess that we too often live in fear, rather than in faith

Silent Confession

+ Assurance of Pardon

Senior Pastor

Children of God, hear this. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Go therefore, and care for the abused, while seeking justice for the abuser.

With God's grace, we will.

Go therefore, and proclaim good news to the poor. Proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery sight for the blind. Set the oppressed free.

With God's grace, we will. Amen.

Listening for the Words of God

+ Hymn of Discipleship no. 497

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

+ Gospel Reading

Church Staff

John 1:43-51

The Gospel According to Saint John

According to you, Oh God.

Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

Come and see.

+ Singing of the Gloria Patri no. 704

Glory be to the Father

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

God Leadeth Me! Blessed Thought