

Prayers of the People

God be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to God.

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 still calls Prophets today.
We believe in Jesus: the savior who calms the afflicted.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who will convict us when we cause others to stumble.
We believe in Love, daring enough to invite the whole world in.

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. 433

Blest be the Tie that Binds

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

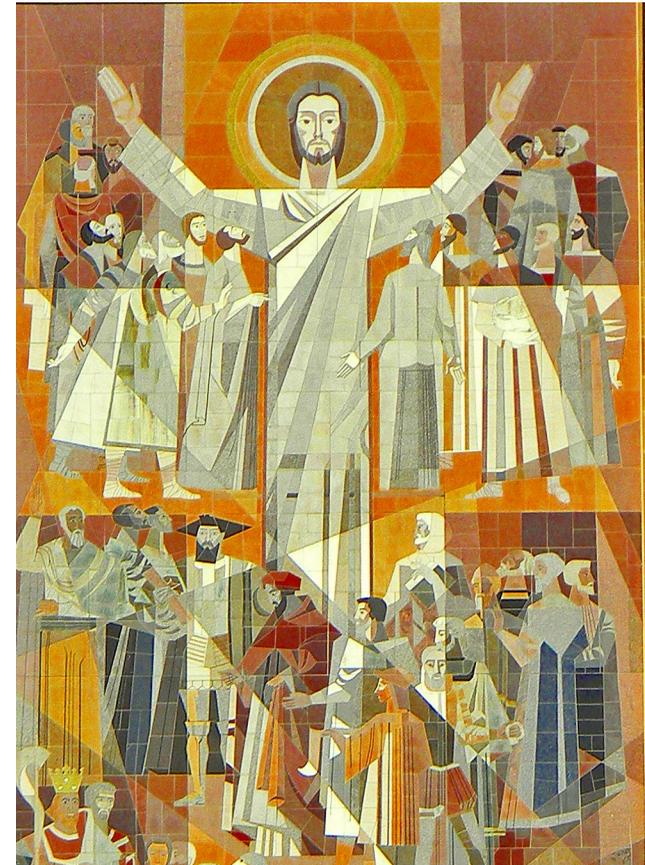
+ Congregational Benediction

Arise, Your Light is Come!

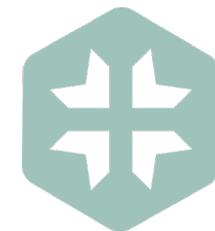
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!

Postlude Meditation and the Sending of the Light

Church Organist



Christ Calss, Mural at Notre Dame University



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BAPTIST CHURCH

The people gather | January 28, 2018 | Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

The Worship of God

“Prophets, Stumbling Blocks, and Demons”

Gathering, Seeking Christ Together

The Tolling of the Hour

Church Carillonist

Words of Welcome and Call to Worship

Church Member (Today's Liturgist)

Children of God, in who's name have you come into this place?

We worship in the name and glory of the God who made us.

Dreamers, redeemers, and creators, what gives you the boldness to approach God's throne?

We come in the arms and grace of Jesus, the Christ.

And beloved of Christ, how do you expect to communicate with this God?

The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth.

Then in the name of the God who made you, in the arms of the Christ who saves you, and through the Spirit that sustains you, let us worship the Lord!

Prelude Meditation and the Bringing of the Light

Church Organist

Each Sunday of Epiphany, another candle will be brought to the altar as Christ's light shines brighter.

The Procession of the Carillon

Acolytes

This tradition invites us through the sound of shrill bells to seek Christ in new ways and in new places.

Introit

Christ in Capernaum

+ Processional Hymn no. 464

God of Grace, and God of Glory

Confession, Affliction, and Absolution

+ Psalter Litany

Church Member

Psalms 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work, God's righteousness endures forever.

God has gained renown by these wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

God provides food for those who fear the LORD; God is ever mindful of the covenant.

The LORD has shown the people the power of God's works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

God sent redemption to the people; God has commanded the covenant forever. Holy and awesome is God's name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Time for Young Disciples

Children's Minister

Children are invited to the front. Kids birth - Kindergarten may follow the light to the nursery afterwards.

Song for our Children

Like a Child

**Like a child love would send to reveal and to mend, like a child and a friend,
Jesus comes. Like a child we may find claiming heart, soul, and mind,
like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes**

Epistle Reading

Clergy

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

May we never be a stumbling block

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

Church Member

Following each petition, the congregation will respond:

LORD hear our prayer.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Pastor

Following each statement, the congregation will respond:

Thanks be to God!

Listening for the Words of God

+ Hymn of Discipleship no. 25

Praise to the LORD, the Almighty
Verses 1 and 2

+ Hebrew Scripture Reading

Clergy

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

May God call a prophet among us

Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Reading

Church Staff

Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel According to Saint Mark

According to you, Oh God.

+ Singing of the Gloria Patri no. 704

Glory be to the Father

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

God Has Work For Us To Do

Sermon

Senior Pastor

Prophets, Stumbling Blocks, and Demons

Responding

Silence for Reflection