

## Responding

### 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 allows us to see great things.  
We believe in Jesus: presented to the world each day.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lets us know we are beloved.  
We believe in Love, redeeming the world.

*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.*

#### Words of Institution

*Church Member*

#### Prayer of Consecration

*Clergy*

#### Distribution of the Elements

#### + Passing of the Peace

#### + Hymn of Response No. 490

*The Servant Song*

*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!*

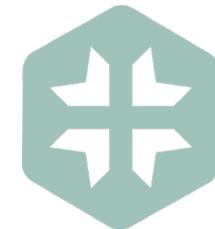
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!

#### Postlude Meditation and the Sending of the Light

*Church Organist*



**Joyful Mystery #4: Presentation, James B. Janknegt**



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BAPTIST CHURCH

The people gather | February 4, 2018 | Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

## The Worship of God

“Presentation”

## Gathering

### The Ringing of the Trinity Chimes

*Church Carillonist*

### Words of Welcome and Call to Worship

*Church Member (Today's Liturgist)*

We gather to worship God, whose creative imagination never fails:

**For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.**

We gather to praise our God, whose steadfast love never weakens:

**For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.**

We gather to offer our best to God, who walks with us through eternity:

**For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.**

### Prelude Meditation and the Bringing of the Light and the Carillon

*Church Organist*

### Introit

Bless God's Holy Name

### + Processional Hymn no. 5

O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

### Confession and Absolution

### + Psalter Reading

*Psalms 84*

A song from the people of Yahweh

**Thanks be to God!**

### Time for Young Disciples

*Children's Minister*

### Song for our Children

Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.**

**Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.**

### Hebrew Scripture Reading

*Malachi 3:1-4*

May we be pleasing to God. Let us confess our sins.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Prayer of Confession

*Church Member*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the world and the creatures you have called us to tend. We have lost our passion for your mission. We have ignored the needs of others. We have failed to love.**

### Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

Jesus Christ came for us all

**Thanks be to God!**

### Assurance of Pardon

*Senior Pastor*

God is faithful to and cleanses us from all sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God!**

## Listening for the Words of God

### + Hymn of Discipleship no. 22

All Creatures of Our God and Queen

### + Gospel Reading

*Luke 2:22-40*

The Gospel According to Saint Luke

**According to you, Oh God.**

### + Singing of the Gloria Patri no. 704

Glory be to the Father

### Choral Anthem

All the Poor and Powerless

*Chancel Choir*

### Homily

Presentation

*Senior Pastor*

## Family Dedications

### Explanation

*Children's Minister*

### Prayer for the Child

*Senior Pastor*

### Prayer for the Family

*Children's Minister*

### Congregational Response

*Church Member*

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

**If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.**

If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.

**If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.**

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

**If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.**

If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.

**If children live with security, they learn to have faith.**

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

**If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world. If our children are to inherit God's love, then we must not keep it from them.**

### Presentation of Child to the Congregation, presentation of the Bible

*Senior Pastor*