

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
 Sunday, January 8, 2017  
 First Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Baptism of the Lord**

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**ENTRANCE**

*The people come together in the Lord's name.*

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PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AMONG US

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Mighty Is Our God" arr. Tom Fettke

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

**All: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

One: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

**All: The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

One: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

**All: As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (In unison)**

**God of all righteousness, we need the life and grace that you alone can give. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Holy Spirit so that we may live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, UMH 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER, UMH 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" MESSIAH

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER, UMH 895

CHORAL RESPONSE "Threefold Amen" Danish

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**PROCLAMATION**

*The Scriptures are opened to the people.*

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CHILDREN'S SERMON "A Special Child of God"

ANTHEM "Shall We Gather at the River?" arr. Earlene Rentz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE, Gospel 2 Matthew 3:13-17  
 NT 119 Acts 10:34-43

SERMON "The Booming Voice of God"

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**RESPONSE**

*The people respond with acts of commitment and faith.*

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CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT, UMH 50

OFFERING

Offertory "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Hughes

\*Doxology, UMH 95

\*Dedication of the Offering

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**SENDING FORTH**

*The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.*

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\*HYMN OF PROMISE, TFWS 2248 "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES FORTH

\*BENEDICTION "May the Lord, Mighty God" Carl Ashley

May the Lord, mighty God, Bless you and keep you forever. By His grace and His might	Help you in ev'ry endeavor. Long may His grace be kind to you May it fail you never.	May the Lord, mighty God, Bless you and keep you forever. Bless you and keep you forever.
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\*POSTLUDE

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\* = Please stand as you are able.

NT = New Testament, OT = Old Testament

TFWS = The Faith We Sing, UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

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**SUPPORTING THE CHURCH**

**BY OUR PRAYERS...**

Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests remain on this list for thirty days. We have an active prayer chain. If you have need for immediate prayer, please call the church office or Joanne Taylor at 910-892-7034.

Lou Allred	Nancy Cooper	Sandra Jackson	Chloe Ray
Tammie Arnold	James Cooper	Family of Henry Jacobs	Nancy Thomas
Family of Luby Bell	Brandon Eaton	Lee Best Johnson	Irvin Warren
James Best	Jerry England	Ida Lawrence	Glenda Weisner
Mary Lemuel Blalock	Elliott Gifford	Janice Lever	Roger White
Chris Byrd	Mary Hardison	Frances Opperman	Debra Winstead
Kim Byrd	Susan Horton	Teeny Perry	Cynthia Wood
Larry Carmichael	Family of Wilma Hunter	Rochelle Pope	

**BY OUR PRESENCE AND GIFTS...**

Sunday School Attendance	21	Offering Received End of 2016	\$ 17,005.00
Worship Attendance	60	Weekly Needs 2016	\$ 6,830.05
		Offering Received 1/1/17	\$ 35,975.66

**BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS...**

		<b><i>Serving This Week</i></b>		<b><i>Serving Next Week</i></b>	
ACOLYTE	Jan 8	Casey Parker	Jan 15	Beth Cowling	
ALTAR FLOWERS	Jan 8	Susie Byrd	Jan 15	John Willoughby	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Jan 8	Hope Tyndall	Jan 15	Cindy Coats	
		Huntsie Strickland		Rhonda McLamb	
FINANCE	Jan 8	Rudy King	Jan 15	Martha Smith	
GREETERS	Jan 8	Mickey & Nina Hollingsworth	Jan 15	Carroll & Wilma Byrd	
		Patsy Coats			
NURSERY	Jan 8	Samantha Butts	Jan 15	TBA	
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS	Jan 8	No Youth Activities	Jan 15	TBA	
		Caroline Wilson	Jan 18	TBA	
		<b><i>Serving This Month</i></b>		<b><i>Serving Next Month</i></b>	
ALTAR GUILD	Jan	Sharon Raynor, Joanne Taylor	Feb	Kathy Gower, Suzanne Wood	
LITURGIST	Jan	Craig Strickland	Feb	Gary Ronnfeldt	
USHERS	Jan	Dal Snipes, Sherrell Taylor, Cory Wilson, TBA	Feb	Richard Bond, Mark Brannon, Whit Brewer, TBA	



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

4 Walter Byrd	7 Nancy Thomas	13 Kathy Matthews	20 David Ennis
4 Gordon Clapp	7 Ashlyn Warren	16 Dennis Hollowell	22 Cheryl Coats
4 Rusty Spencer	8 Carrigan Ennis	16 Brian Walker	29 Elizabeth Schmidlin
5 Suebelle Jackson	12 Morgan Schmidlin	19 Sally Doyle	
7 Patricia Hollowell	13 Allie Apperson	20 Chris Coffman	

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

Sunday	Jan	8	9:00am Chapel Prayer
			9:30am Courtyard Fellowship
			9:45am Sunday School
			10:45am Sanctuary Music
			11:00am Worship – Baptism of the Lord
			12:15pm Youth Band
			1:00pm Knit Wits in the Parlor
			2:00pm UMW in the Chapel
			Handbell Choir Rehearsal
			6:00pm Youth Parent Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
			SPRC in the Conference Room
Wednesday	Jan	11	5:30pm Divine Dining
			Menu: Roast Beef, Creamed Potatoes w/Gravy, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Your Tasty Desserts!
			6:10pm Children's Choir (K-Grade 5)
			6:15pm Bible Study for Everyone!
			7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	Jan	15	8:00am UMM Breakfast Meeting
			11:00am Worship – Human Relation Day (Special Offering)
			12:15pm Youth Band
			2:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
			4:00pm Kingdom Kids
			5:00pm Youth
			6:00pm Trustees in the Conference Room
			7:15pm Finance in the Visioning Center

Our nursery is staffed from 9:00am-12:30pm

*A Place to... Belong... Believe... Become*

January 8, 2017

*Divine Street United Methodist Church*

**Rev. Elizabeth Gaines, Pastor**  
**Rev. Kristina Yeatts, Director of Christian Education**  
**Dr. Carl Ashley, Director of Music Ministries**  
**Mrs. Anna Bunn, Organist**  
**Mrs. Patti Queipo, Preschool Director**

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