

Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church



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January 7, 2018

The Order of Worship of God Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 7, 2018 at 10:30 AM



Prelude	“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”	arr. Callahan
Greeting		
* Opening Hymn	“Baptized in Water”	TFWS 2248
* Call to Worship		
*Morning Prayer		
Word of God	Mark 1: 4-11	Sharon McCallister
Hymn Of Preparation	“Shall We Gather At the River”	UMH 723
* Gospel Reading	Luke 21: 25-28	
Sermon	“Look Up”	Rev. Ella Dorsey

* **Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments
in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world And repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are,
and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty,
in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ
will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow,
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

Remember that you are baptized and rejoice!

I am a child of God. Thanks be to God!

Call to Prayer

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

TFWS 2200

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

TFWS 2193

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“Meditation on ‘In the Bleak Midwinter’”

arr. James

*** Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

*** Hymn**

“Down To The River To Pray”

Folk Song

1. As I went down to the river to pray
study’in about that good ole way
and who shall wear the robe and crown
good Lord, show me the way.

O *sisters, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down,
Come on sisters, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.

2. * Brothers

4. * Mothers

3. * Fathers

* **Sending**

Postlude

“Down to the River to Pray”

Today's Service

Preaching: Rev. Ella Dorsey, Director of Fairfield Ministries

Lector: Sharon McCallister

Usher Coordinator: Jim Daniel, Jr.

Head Ushers: Lee Oxley, Frank Hanshaw

Ushers: Marv Jones, Bill Kosto, Selby Litton, Scott & Jean Ramsey,
Alan Simmons, Tom Thompson, Charles & Gale Williams

Media: Andy Turnbull, Betsy Horton, Jennifer Gerst, Fred Herr

Altar Flowers: Compliments to Johnson Memorial UMC, by Mrs. Paul Browning

Pink Rose: In celebration of the birth of McLaurin Kirby Domske Wells, daughter of
Tobyn and Ben Wells

White Carnation: In memory of Pastor Alan Williams's father, in-law,
Leonard Seldomridge

Welcome!

Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Ministries Congregation that seeks to be welcoming and affirming to all people.

We are **excited** to have you worshiping with us today and love that you have chosen to be a part of the Johnson Memorial family, if only for today.

Our Vision

The vision of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is to be a covenant community, transformed by God's grace to share the love of Christ with the world.

Our Mission

The Mission of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is to bring others to Christ, embrace them with love, nurture everyone in faith, worship God joyfully, and reach out in service to the world

"It's Time"

It's time to start "It's Time" again!
Dinner starts at 5:15 PM and this weeks' menu is:
Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries Salad and Dessert!

Adult and Young Adult programs start at 6:00 PM
Erin Sears will be teaching a 4 week study called

"How to Quiet your Mind"

A series on personal Worship and Meditation.
Please bring your Bible and a Journal.

Bell Choir rehearsal is at 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal is at 7:00 PM

Our Gifts and Presence

Sunday December 24, 2017
Attendance and Finances

Sunday School - 40	42.00
Worship Service - 98	9,148.48
Christmas Eve Service - 88 (Christmas)	495.00
Furnishings	506.08
Prepaid Pledges	19,627.00
Young at Heart	387.00
UMCOR	1,000.00
"It's Time" Dinners	40.00
Back Pack Ministry	80.00
Donor Directed	425.00
Music Scholarship Endowment	240.00
Total:	\$31,990.56

Our Prayers

The family of Betsy White Ratcliff
Jane Kincaid
Gil Ratcliff
Dr. Bruce Ratcliff
Estelee Waytt
Martha Casey

The family of Pastor Alan Williams
on the passing of his father in-law,
Leonard Seldomridge
Baby Alex and his parents
Patricia and Steve
dear friends of Fred and Melanie
Herr

Weekly Activities for January 7, 2018

Sunday January 7

9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship
Pastor Terry on vacation

Monday January 8

Pastor Terry on vacation
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday January 9

10:30 AM Pastor Terry's Bible
Study at the Woodlands
12:15 Chair Yoga

Wednesday January 10

7:00 AM Andrews Brothers
5:15 PM It's Time Dinner
6:00 PM It's Time activities
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Sanctuary choir
rehearsal

Thursday January 11

12:15 PM Chair yoga
6:00 PM Common Grounds



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