

"Jesus, God's Beloved Son"  
DR. TIM BRUSTER  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Traditional Worship  
11:00 am  
January 13, 2019

## WE GATHER

Prelude — Deo Gracias  
Mary Beth Bennett, composer

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful singing.**

Know that the Lord is God; the Lord has made us, and not we ourselves;

**we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of God's courts with thanksgiving and praise.

Give thanks to God; bless the name of the Lord.

**For the Lord is good; God's lovingkindness and faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting.**

### \*Hymn 400 — Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach  
me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the  
mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy  
good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed  
his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy  
goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander,  
Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and  
seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

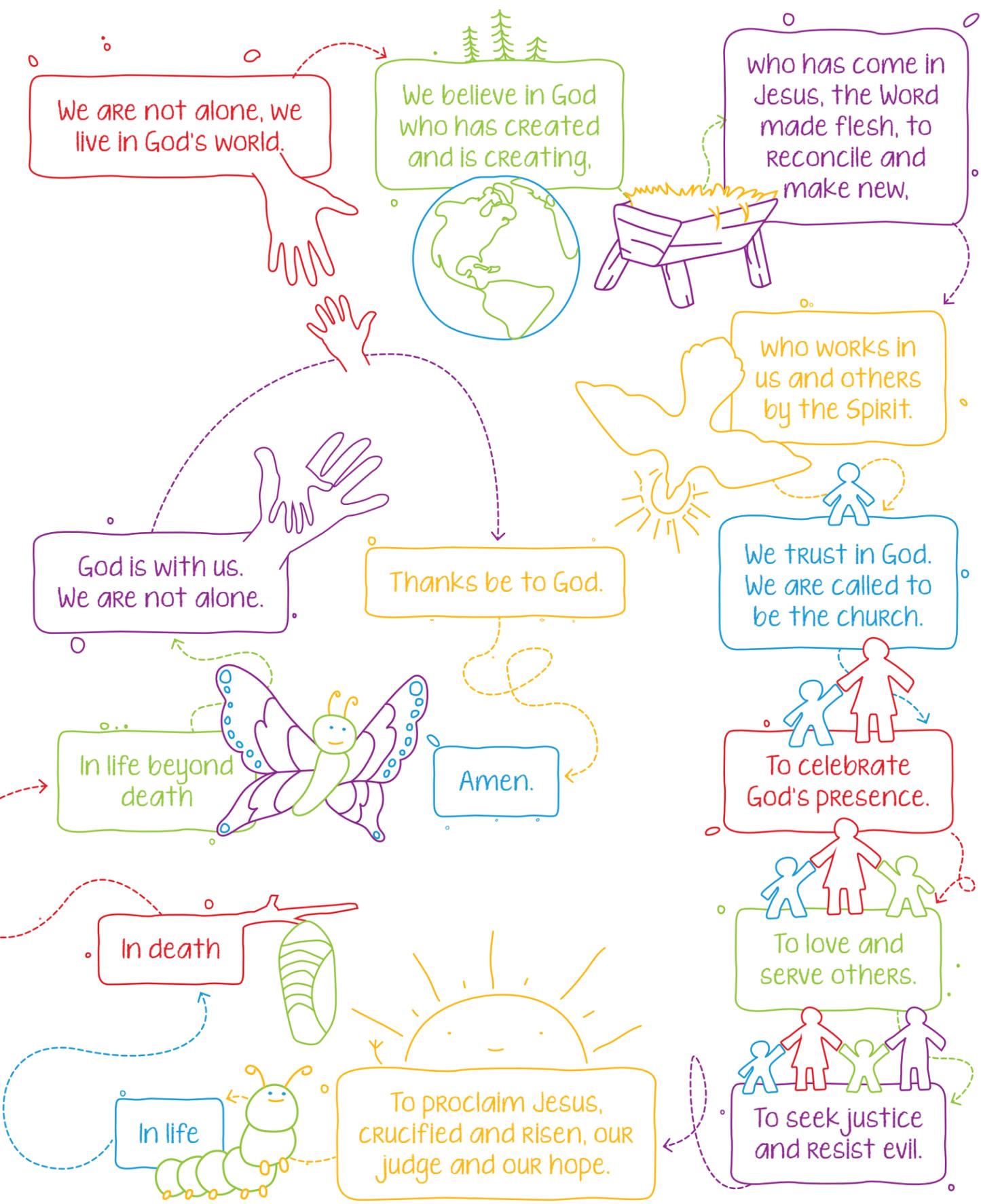
Word of the Day:  
Baptism

Memory Verse:  
You are my  
son, whom I  
dearly love.  
— Luke 3:22b



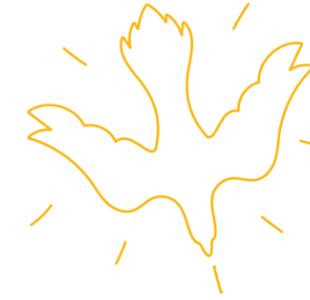
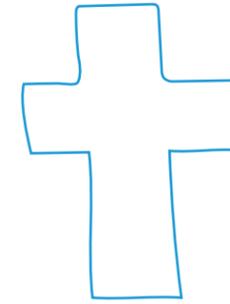
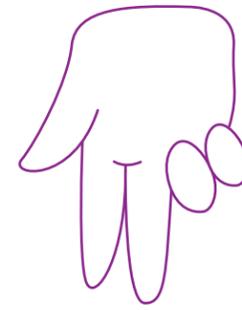
In the Old  
Testament, a man  
named Samuel  
placed a stone  
as a symbol of  
God's help. That  
special "help stone"  
monument is  
called Ebenezer.

# \*Affirmation of Faith



## \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

## WE PROCLAIM

### Faith Like a Child

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Claiborne Elizabeth Edwards, Kirby Kate Granger, Libby Rose Kelley, Luke Curtis Mitchell, Gibson Morgan Moore, Caleb Luke Seastrunk, Jacob Alan Seastrunk, Mackensie Renee Jo Sutton, Sophie Pearl Tam, Allison Rene Thurman, Caylin Nicole Thurman

#### Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1) – Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

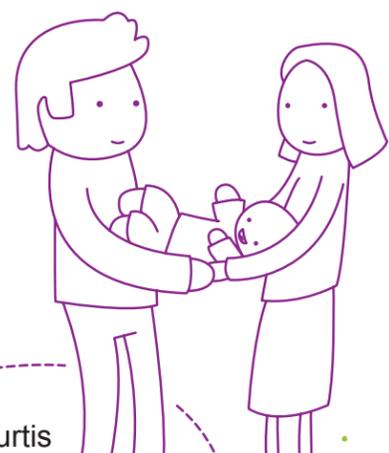
#### Congregational Response

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround **Claiborne Elizabeth, Kirby Kate, Libby Rose, Luke Curtis, Gibson Morgan, Caleb Luke, Jacob Alan, Mackensie Renee Jo, Sophie Pearl, Allison Rene, and Caylin Nicole** with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

#### Scripture – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.  
Thanks be to God.

## \*Passing the Peace

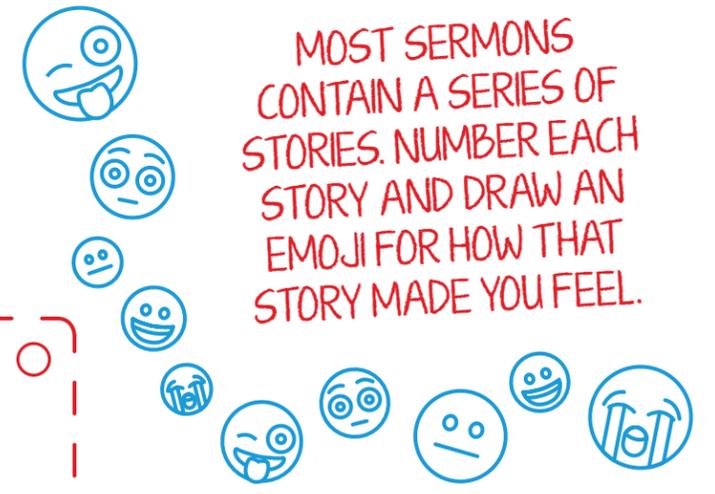


**Baptism:** When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.

Sermon Snips:  
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.

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MOST SERMONS CONTAIN A SERIES OF STORIES. NUMBER EACH STORY AND DRAW AN EMOJI FOR HOW THAT STORY MADE YOU FEEL.



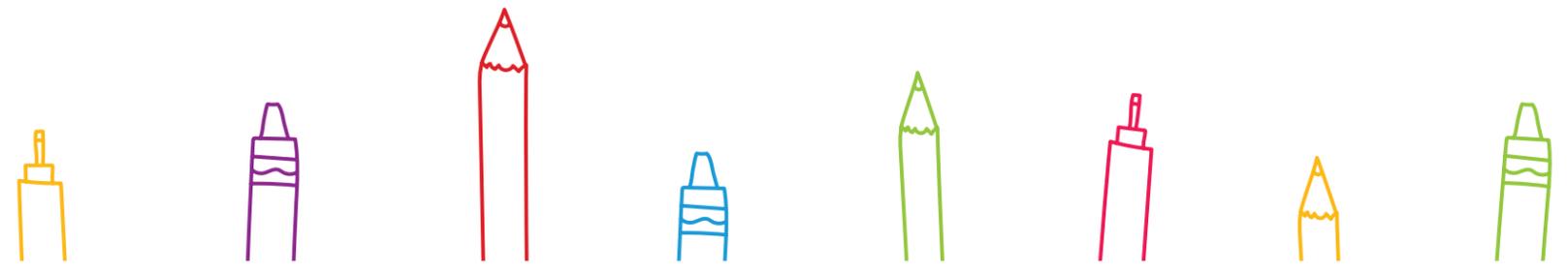
If the sermon is about a Bible hero, think of the person in your life who is most like that hero. Write about that person, or make an illustration.



Did you just hear something you disagree with? Argue about it.



Listen. What is something you hear that gives you a sense of wonder? Of peace? Of hope?



Did the sermon remind you of a story from your life? Write about that story... or illustrate it.

# WE RESPOND

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

FOR Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Many years  
after Jesus went  
to heaven, the  
early church  
added this part  
of the prayer.  
Hold the prayer  
cross close to  
your heart as  
you say this part.



## Remembrance of Your Baptism

### Unison Prayer

Gracious God, we remember our baptism, and we are thankful. You have marked us as a child of Yours, You have grafted us into Your kingdom and swept us up in Your story. Each day, let us remember our baptism, be thankful, and renew our commitment to be Your people in this world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

## A Time of Giving

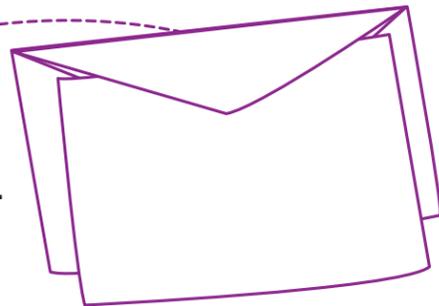
### Offertory – My Song in the Night

Mack Wilberg, composer

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the **envelope** in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!

### \*Doxology 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



### \*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### \*Hymn – Down By The Jordan

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,  
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:  
“God will forgive! Show that you’ll change how you live!  
Surely God’s new day is rising!”

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,  
Taking your place among sinners, God’s lost sons and daughters.  
Then with great love, God’s Spirit came as a dove!  
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God’s Spirit.  
Freed and forgiven, we’re welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?  
This is God’s sign! This is how God says, “You’re mine!”  
Let’s take the good news and share it!



### \*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?  
**We will go out to be God’s people in the world.**  
May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

### \*Congregational Closing – Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,  
With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

### \*Postlude – DIX (As With Gladness Men of Old)

Craig Phillips, arranger

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given in honor of Ellen and Robert Rogers on the occasion of their birthdays, by Jane Hopkins.

**The white carnations** symbolize our sympathy to the families and friends of Glenda Rattikin and Betty Bragan.

### Worship Leaders:

**Sermon:** Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

**Liturgists:** Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Phyllis Barren

**Faith Like a Child:** Mister Mark, Dayne Glasgow, helper

**Choir:** Choral Union

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

**Acolytes:** Sloan Howard, Lainey Liberto, Reesie Parker

**Procession:** Brance Glasgow, Colt Glasgow

\*Please stand as you are able.

How are you going  
to be one of God's  
people in the world  
this week?

# WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

## TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

## BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

## ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.  
God loves you, and so do I.  
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

## PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

## PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

## TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

## PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

## CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

## EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

