SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

**11:00 a.m. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 16, 2022**

*“How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.” Psalm 36:7-8*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word John S. Dixon

Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN** No. 395 *Tune:* LIEBSTER JESU

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Most Holy God, who calls us to the abundant life, we are shamed by our disobedience and embarrassed by our indifference. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have sung our hymns of praise, but our lives have not been true to our music. We have repeated the creeds with our lips, but we have neither searched nor claimed their truth for our daily lives. We have borne your name for all these years, but people observing us see all too little of the marks of our Lord. Forgive us, we pray, that we may not continue in our sin, but begin to live for you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**  No. 581

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, amen.

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN**

**SOLO** Great is Thy Faithfulness Runyan/Shackley

Deanie Strength, pianist

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Grant, O Lord, that by your Word read and preached, and by your Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, we may perceive who we are and know what we ought to do and be given the strength to be and do it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**  Isaiah 62:1-5 Page 692

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 2:1-11 Page 93

**SERMON** “The Lord Delights in You” Dr. Williams

*“You shall be called My Delight Is in Her…for the Lord delights in you.” Isaiah 62:4*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Confession of 1967

We were created for a personal relation with God that we may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given us a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. We are endowed with capacities to make the world serve God’s will and to enjoy the world’s good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of naure for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. Amen.

**\*HYMN** O God of New Beginnings (see insert)

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**Presentation and Profession**

**Prayer and Charge**

**THE PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

**\*HYMN** No. 611 *Tune:* HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

###### **\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 305

###### Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

###### For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

###### In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

**\*POSTLUDE** O God of New BeginningsDavid Cherwien

**\***Congregation please stand.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord’s Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP** is Paul Pressly, who serves as Clerk of Session, and is a member of the Evangelism Committee.

**THE HYMN** “O God of New Beginnings” was commissioned and written by Dr. Justin L. Addington, Minister of Music and Organist at First Baptist Church in Savannah.

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| JANUARY TERM  “Where Have You Seen God at Work?”  9:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall  Jan. 9    Deanie Strength and Dan Walters  Jan. 16 Marilyn Borst and Michael Johnson  Jan. 23 Jordan Chase and Gay Mayfield  Jan. 30 Josh Brooks and Sharon Eswine  A series for adults sharing faith, art, literature, Scripture, mission and life stories.   Attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. A breakfast will conclude the series on January 30 at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.  This is offered in place of our regular adult Sunday School classes. |