

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER THE WATER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**THE BAPTISM AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**THE WELCOME**

**GOING INTO THE WORLD WITH GOD'S WORD**

**\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 482**

*"Baptized In Water"*

THOSE WHO SERVE		LAST SUNDAY'S RECORDS	
Pastor	Sherry Holloman	Attendance	69
Director of Christian Education	Kathy Kreger	Christian Education Total	26
Director of Music	Fred P. Watkins	Offering for the Week	\$6815.00
Organist	Melody S. Davis	2016 Average Monthly Expense	\$29,571.00
Liturgist	Darlene West		

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# Worship at Eastminster

**OUR INVITATION**

An invitation is extended to all to reconsider your relationship to God through Jesus Christ and his church. If you are not vitally involved in a local congregation, perhaps Eastminster is a place where you may worship, learn, find fellowship and serve. We receive members by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, by transfer of membership, or by reaffirmation of the faith you have professed in another church. Please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad and the pastor will contact you.



*We remember the baptism of Jesus today, reminded that we all have the gift of new life, of starting again with God, of renewing our commitments and reorienting our lives to God. The same God whose voice called out over the waters, who called down from above the waters of Jesus' baptism, is the same voice that calls us Beloved, and calls us into the promise of new life.*

Creating God, you spoke and the universe was illuminated.

You uttered a word and all was put into its place.

Speak again, Mighty One.

Speak light into our darkness.

Speak order into our chaos.

Bring us up from the depths.

Anoint us with your Spirit.

Break into our lives and remind us that we are your children, beloved and cherished.

*(from Genesis 1: 1-5; Acts 19: 1-7 and Mark 1: 4-11)*

**Eastminster Presbyterian Church**

Embracing the Word...Celebrating the Word...Reflecting the Word...

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY****GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

## GREETING

## VOLUNTARY

"Divertissement"

Gordon Young

*Melody Davis*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## \*OPENING SENTENCES AND REMEMBERING OUR OWN BAPTISMS

The sacrament of baptism...Long ago, or perhaps not so long ago, God drew us to a congregation of loving and faithful people.

**My parents or those who were as parents to me stood in the presence of God and a congregation of people. There they renounced sin and evil. They stood in God's energy of grace, love and mercy.**

That congregation promised to share the Christian story trusting in its relevance for our fears, trials, joys and hopes.

**My parents or those who were as parents to me affirmed their own faith in Jesus Christ. I believe their affirmation was broader and wider than it had been before as they became responsible for a portion on my faith journey.**

Together a congregation around the event of my baptism pledged to strengthen the worship and mission of the church as it would continue its becoming.

**Today, we are they. We are the member witnesses. We are the educating saints. We are the sacramentally baptized. God's love in Christ flows through us as we imagine and renew our baptism.**

## \*RESPONSE 480

"Take Me to the Water"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Timeless God, you cast light into sin's dark places and call us your beloved. As he knelt in the waters of the Jordan River, you proclaimed Jesus as your child, pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us: when we put ourselves ahead of him; when we think he is no longer needed; when we fail to see him in the broken of our world. Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time. Forgive us: when we fail to welcome the stranger; when we refuse to forgive as we should; when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little. Amen.**

*(A moment for silent reflection)*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON THROUGH SONG 591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (Verses Sung by Choir)

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING (*Pew Bible*, page 139)

Acts 19: 1-7

## ANTHEM

"Christ, When You Came to Jordan"

Arr. Hal Hopson

*Sanctuary Choir*NEW TESTAMENT READING (*Pew Bible*, page 34)

Mark 1: 4-11

The grass withers. The flowers fade. But, this, the Word of our Lord lasts forever.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*HYMN 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

## SERMON

"Come On In!"

Sherry Holloman

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

"Dove Descending"

Ben Logan

*Melody Davis*

## \*RESPONSE 606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## \*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bathed in the waters of baptism, we are graced people.**

**Graced people, we recognize the gifts which have been poured out upon us.**

**Recognizing these gifts, we take them and give them back to you, God of the waters, so that others might be bathed in hope, graced with joy, gifted with your peace and love. Amen.**

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

## PRESENTATION

## QUESTIONS OF FAITH

## CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS

Do we, the members of this congregation...of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Will we endeavor...household of God?

**We will.**

Then with one voice...world over the centuries.