

\*BENEDICTION

9:00 Rev. Lance Richards  
11:00 Dr. Brant Wallace

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE     *We are the Church (refrain; verse 1)*

#558

*Refrain*  
**I am the church! You are the church!**  
**We are the church together! All who follow Jesus,**  
**All around the world! Yes, we're the church together!**  
  
**The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,**  
**The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.**  
*Repeat Refrain*

POSTLUDE

*Go Down Moses*

arr. Mark Hayes

SENIOR PASTOR

ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC  
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ORGAN  
PIANO

Rev. Lance Richards  
Rev. Ann Spears  
Dr. Terry Morris  
Cynthia Douglas  
Paul Butt  
Jeremy Wood

SERVICE OF THE WORD

January 8, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Fugue in G minor BWV 578*

J. S. Bach

\*HYMN OF PRAISE     *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

#252

**When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,**  
**He did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.**  
**He came to share repentance with all who mourn our sins,**  
**To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**  
  
**He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,**  
**For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.**  
**So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,**  
**The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.**  
  
**Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;**  
**This very day invade us, and every bondage break.**  
**Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:**  
**To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.**

WELCOME

Rev. Ann Spears

\*HYMN OF WELCOME     *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

#496

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,**  
**And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.**  
**In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,**  
**And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**  
  
**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share**  
**Of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!**  
**With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows His face,**  
**And gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**  
  
**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear**  
**To Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.**  
**And since He bids me seek His face, believe His word, and trust His grace,**  
**I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH — WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

Rev. Ann Spears

**I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Ann Spears

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Walk in the Light  
Sanctuary Choir

Andre Thomas

Anthem provided by Cheryl and Tom for Dick and Ruth Palmer.  
Presented in memory of Bettie Riggs.  
We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.  
We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Jesus the Light of the world. "Glory to the newborn King." Jesus, the light of the world.  
We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Hail! The heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus the Light of the world.  
Christ the everlasting Lord! Jesus the Light of the world.  
Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

#95

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, #881

Rev. Ann Spears

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

#70

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.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

9:00 Mandy Jones  
11:00 Children's Ministry Video

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

His Eye is on the Sparrow (verses 1 & 2)

#354

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home;  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is he;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
  
Refrain  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled, his tender word I hear,  
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
  
Repeat Refrain

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

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The word of God for us, the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Prayers

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

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Our Father which 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, for ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR

9:00 Rev. Lance Richards  
11:00 Dr. Brant Wallace

\*HYMN OF BLESSING

Take Time to be Holy

#395

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him by thy guide,  
And run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.