

†**Congregational Response** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM  
*I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.*

†**Postlude** *Grand Choeur* -Camille Saint-Saëns

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON**

Sunday, January 8	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
Tuesday, January 10	10:30	am	Staff meeting
Wednesday, January 11	10:00	am	Bible Study
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 14	9:00	am	Woodcutting at Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry

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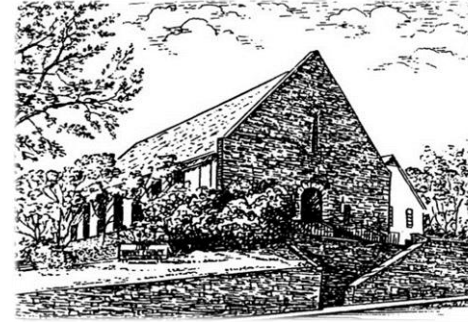
Acolytes for this morning's service are Mason Littlefield and Olivia Miller.

If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

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E. Leslie Raymond, Organist  
John Spinks, Sexton



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**AT**  
**WORSHIP**

January 8, 2017

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Baptism of Our Lord

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**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

**Music for Gathering**

Kay Greene

**Ringing of the Hour**

**Prelude**

*Prelude on 'Nettleton'*

-Elizabeth Krouse

**Call to Worship**

Jeff Harris

Lord, your church is composed of people like me.

**I help make it what it is.**

It will be friendly,

**if I am.**

Its pews will be filled,

**if I help fill them.**

It will do great work,

**if I work.**

It will make generous gifts to many causes,

**if I am a generous giver.**

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,

**if I invite and bring them.**

It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you,

**if I am open to such growth and service.**

**Therefore, with your help Lord, we dedicate ourselves to  
being your church.**

†**Hymn 16, O Worship the King**

LYONS

†**Invocation**

Jaime Fitzgerald

†**Passing the Peace**

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Children’s Time**

“Mr. Skip” Williams

(Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children’s Church after the Children’s Time.)

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Old Testament Reading**, Isaiah 42:1-9 (p. 636)

Jeff Harris

**Responsive Reading**, Psalm 29

JT Johnson

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the Lord give strength to his people!

**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**New Testament Reading**, Acts 10:34-43 (p. 123)

Jaime Fitzgerald

**Gospel Reading**, Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 8)

Jeff Harris

†**Hymn 277**, *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

**Sermon**

“Again and Again and Again”

Jeff Harris

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**Reaffirmation of Faith**

Jeff Harris

Do you in the presence of God and this congregation desire to renew the covenant which you made at your baptism?

**I do.**

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Savior of the world; and do you declare him Lord of your life?

**I do.**

Will you again, renounce evil and seek to walk in the loving, sacrificial way of Jesus, as a faithful disciple and servant of Christ’s church?

**I will, with God’s help.**

**Solo**

*Holy Ground*

Sandy Frady

†**Hymn 15**, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.)

†**Offertory Prayer**

Alice Tennant

**Offering and Meditation**

*Day By Day*

-arr. Cindy Berry

†**Doxology 253**, *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

Jeff Harris

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, for ever. Amen.

**DEPARTING TO SERVE**

**Opportunities for Service**

Phil Pleasants

†**Benediction**

Jeff Harris

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**House and Grounds Committee** will meet briefly in the Lair Sunday School Room after worship today.

**The Stewardship Committee** will also meet after worship, in the church parlor.

**Refuge** resumes tonight, January 8, at 5pm.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will start at 10am on January 11, in the Activity Building. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Please bring a light dish to share for lunch.

**Woodcutting at Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, January 14.** If you enjoy cutting, splitting, and stacking firewood, we have an opportunity for you! We'll be working at Thermal Belt Outreach at 9:00am on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**S.E.E. and Children's Choir** will begin at 5pm Sunday, January 22.

All Committee leaders should call the office to schedule a time for their committee to meet and chose a chairperson (or persons) for 2017.

**Thanks for your generous and faithful giving in 2016.** As you consider your giving for the upcoming year, we have provided a 2017 Estimate of Giving card for your own use. If you have not received one, there are Estimate of Giving cards at the entrances.

**Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to serve on a ministry team.** There is a place of service for everyone, and we hope that you will find your place. Teams differ from committees, in that you may stay with a team for as little or as long as you choose. There are sign-up sheets in the education hallway for each of these teams: Bereavement, Nursery, Children's Worship, Social, Greeter, Visitation, Mission, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Helping Hands, and Safety.

### January 1, 2017

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,422	CBF Global	\$50
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,830	Lottie Moon	\$20
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 5,422		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 6,830		

### A Thank You from Kathy Ashley



Thank you, to all that helped make Christmas better for 75 children. Parents really do appreciate all we do for their children. They get clothes, shoes, socks, toys, books, art supplies, jackets if needed. If money is left over I get food cards from Food Lion and Bi-Lo. This year, we helped a family whose dad is in the last stage of cancer. Mom said I was the only person that has ever asked if they could use help. She asked for basic things for the daughter. She couldn't believe people donated money so we could do this. Whatever you did to make all of this happen, I thank you. Taking a name, giving a donation, and lots of prayers make it all happen. Thank you seems so small to say, but I do thank each and every one. Our church is a very giving church. God Bless!

–Kathy Ashley