

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE Jesus Loves Me Jason Payne (b. 1980)

INTROIT Fruit of the Spirit

*CALL TO WORSHIP1

As God's holy and beloved, we are gathered and clothed in grace. We are called to array ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.

Above all, we seek to clothe ourselves with love, to bind ourselves together in harmony.

In the peace of Christ, we are formed into one body, one family, one congregation who seeks to gather others into this peace.

The word of Christ dwells richly in us, our hearts sing psalms of gratitude in the gathering of believers. In the midst of this holy house, we lift up our hearts to God.

May our words, our every act, reflect the name of Christ, in whom we live, and who, in turn, lives in us.

Let us worship by giving thanks to God, the Father, through Christ, the Son.

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Eternal Father, we find ourselves forgetful in these days overfilled with activity and festivities, with work and obligations; we forget to look for you in our midst; we forget that you never left our side, yet we search anxiously for you as if you are lost, and not us. We search for you when we already know where you are, and still we act as if we are alone and do not know your ways or understand your promises to us to abide, to love, to teach, and hold safe. Help us, Lord, in our searching and lead us back to you. Remind us that we carry the map on our hearts, that your True North will always bring us home.

SILENCE

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

Even as a boy, Jesus spoke with wisdom and assurance. He told his parents where to find him, then through his death and resurrection, he made the world into his Father's house so that we would never be far from his presence.

To God be the glory, now and always, and may we dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ms. Joy Maple

BAPTISM Ellis Hugh Lemmon Elder Christian Lemmon
Son of Abby and Bennett Lemmon

*HYMN 188 | JESUS LOVES ME | JESUS LOVES ME

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Boyd Lien

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Child of God

Mark Miller (b. 1967)

No matter what people say, say or think about me, I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what people say, say or think about you, you are a child, you are a child of God.

No matter what the world says, says or thinks about me, I am a child, I am a child of God.

And there is nothing and no one who can separate,

They can't separate you from the truth that you're someone.

You are family. You are meant to be a child, a child of God. You are a child, a child of God.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

*HYMN 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You

POSTLUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Charles Callahan

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Flowers—The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Ellis Hugh Lemmon, son of Abby and Bennett, by Catharine and Christian Lemmon.

Please contact Mrs. Dianne Brown (706-799-8501) if you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services.

^{*}All who are able please stand

¹ based on Colossians 3:12-17

Participating in Worship



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PreacherDr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Worship Leaders Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Mr. S.C. Toe Dr. Wayne Lord Chancel Choir Children's Choir Angel Choir

Friendship Pad Pick-up Jennifer Morgan

> Acolyte Hayes Usry

Ushers

Larry Clarkson Baxter Bailey Gary Lloyd David Curley Ann Overstreet Bob Speaks

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Reverend Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, Pastor, ext. 303
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