



## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 12, 2017—10:45am

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTROIT OR PROCESSIONAL

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (ALCOLYTE)

\*WELCOME (LITURGIST)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: #500

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION (LITURGIST)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON (LITURGIST)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

GLORIA PATRI #654

\*WELCOME/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OFFERTORY: (SCRIPTURE)

SELECTION BY CHOIR

\*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (LITURGIST)

“MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY”

(Presented by Helen Hall)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #375

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: PASTOR

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC:

(CHOIR SELECTION)

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (LITURGIST)

**GOOD NEWS**

HYMN OF INVITATION: #354

BENEDICTION (TILL WE MEET AGAIN)

SENDING/PASS THE PEACE

### CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Jesus offers a new-old commandment,  
that we should love each other.

With the incredible power  
and the infinite depth of God's love for us  
we can, we must love one another.

**And it is in this our love for one another  
that the world will know whom and what we  
worship.**

Come, children of God,  
**let us love one another!**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Lord, as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded in a  
dramatic way that You are Love.

**As Your children, we want to emulate that kind of love.  
Unfortunately, without repentance from our sin, we are  
stuck in our own selfishness.**

This leaves us with a counterfeit love based on our own  
devices and desires. Have mercy on us.

**We confess that our methods of loving are incomplete.  
Thankfully, You have placed Your Spirit in our hearts.**

This changes everything. Now, as we set our gaze toward  
the Cross, may our hearts be filled with the greatest love of  
all:

**Your unconditional sacrificial love. We pray for this  
transformation, in Christ's Name. Amen.**

### THE APOSTLES' CREED (UNISON)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of  
heaven and earth, and 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 arose again  
from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
on 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 Ghost; the holy Catholic  
Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**OFFERING AND TITHES:** The first plate(s) passed  
by the ushers will be for Tithes and Gifts. The  
Second plate will be for Mission offerings. The  
Children plate will be a small basket.

**NEW YEAR RALLY:** The Stewardship Committee  
is requesting that each member give \$100.00.

**SESSION MEETING:** Monday, Feb. 13th at 6 pm.

**CHRISTIAN ED:** Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 5:30 pm.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Wednesday, Feb. 15th from 3-5pm.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 6 pm.

**MEN'S COUNCIL:** Thursday, Feb. 18th at 9 am.

**REMINDER:** All key holders, if you open the church  
doors, you are responsible for securing the church  
doors.

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR FEBRUARY**

**2017!** Bobby Dixon—Feb. 7, Edith Dula—Feb. 17,  
Adoree Millsaps—Feb. 20, Sophia Dula—Feb. 25,  
Evelyn Bennett—Feb. 27, Sarah D. Dula—Feb. 27.  
Tammy Patterson—Feb. 28! Please let the Secretary  
know if any members need to be added to the  
January Birthday List. May the peace of Jesus Christ  
be with you always!

### SCRIPTURE READING(S):

Matthew 5: 13-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

### SERMONIC MESSAGE:

Antithesis of Jesus' Word

COMMISSION AND BLESSING OR POSTLUDE (CHOIR)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/SHARING COMMUNITY LIFE