

SERMONIC NOTES

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TODAY'S INSPIRATION

Grace—unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

Grace—getting what you don't deserve / unmerited favor

Mercy—not getting what you do deserve / withheld  
Punishment

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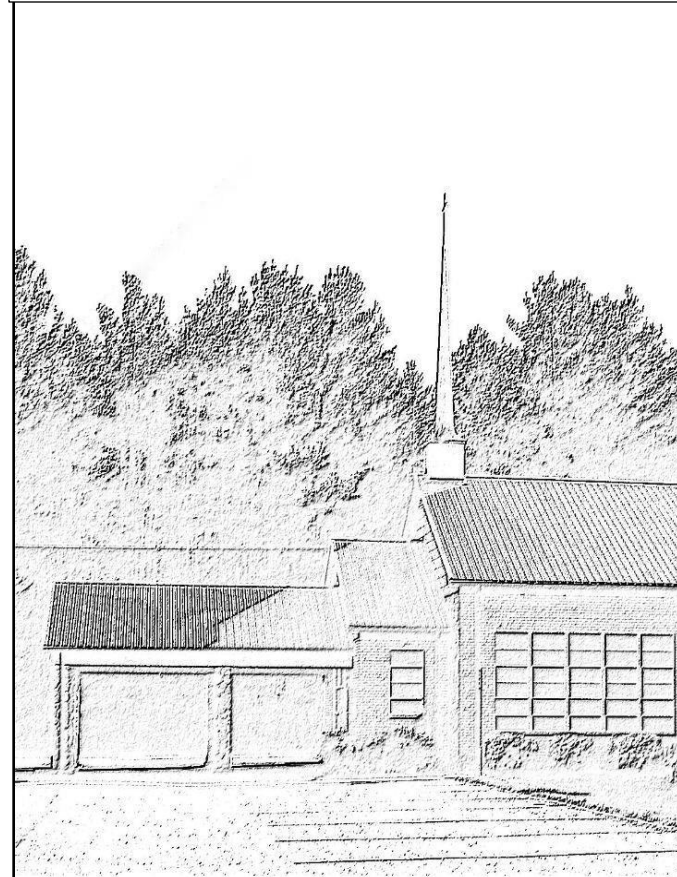
**SICK/SHUT-IN & PRAYER**

Edward Corpening	Grover Bailey
Katherine Purnell	Gary Phillips
Thelma Dula	Adoree Millsaps
Rodney Dixon	Rosalee Patterson
Vondra Johnson	Willo Carter
Evelyn Bennett	Angela Dula
Mona Harshaw	Curtis Dula
Pastor Valerie Hightower	Rev. E.B. Freeman
Fritz Reid	Rev. Eddie Deas
Roger Harris	Beatrice L. Dula
Gena Robinson	

**CHURCH INCOME – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

Sunday School	\$	17.00
Mission Offering	\$	00.00
Bryant Dula Scholarship	\$	18.00
Donation Leslie Dula	\$	00.00
Building Funds	\$	0.00
Children Offering	\$	19.00
General Offering	\$	1,557.00
Total	\$	1,611.00

*Baptism of the Lord*



DULATOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. HAROLD J. BENNETT II, PASTOR

“stand firm in your faith”

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018—10:45am

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:45am

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (ALCOLYTE)

INTROIT OR PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME (LITURGIST)

Call to Worship

OPENING HYMN: #

INVITATION TO CONFESSION  
(LITURGIST)

DECLARATION OF PARDON  
(LITURGIST)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

GLORIA PATRI #654

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: (SCRIPTURE)

SELECTION BY CHOIR

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
(LITURGIST)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #

INTERCESSORY PRAYER  
(CHOIR SELECTION)

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC:

**\*GOOD NEWS\***

**“BAPTISM?”**

\*HYMN OF INVITATION

Lord's Supper

BENEDICTION (TILL WE MEET AGAIN)

SENDING/PASS THE PEACE

**\*Please Stand If Possible\***

“Discipleship, Spiritual Growth, Fellowship, Community, and Love”

### CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

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 flashes forth flames of fire.

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

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

**May the Lord give strength to his people!**

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

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (REPONSIVE)

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the  
season in which Your Light has been given to the world,  
your blessings have been poured out on the world,  
and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own  
needs, our own desires.

**Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your  
presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again,  
cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.**

**Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.  
Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts  
and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the  
people you have called us to be.**

Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the  
birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of  
light. We ask this in Jesus' 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  
everlasting. Amen.

**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.

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

**LOST & FOUND:** If you lose anything in the  
church, please check the lost and found.

**Session Meet:** Jan 8<sup>TH</sup>@ 6PM

**Women's Bible Study:** Jan 8<sup>TH</sup>@ 6:30-7:30 PM

**Bible Study:** Jan 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM

**Worship Committee:** Jan 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM

**Presbyterian Women Meeting:** Jan 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR  
JANUARY!**

**Charles Kincaid 16<sup>th</sup>, Michael Corpening 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Rita Watts 17<sup>th</sup>, Beatrice Dula 21<sup>st</sup>, Mona  
Harshaw 22<sup>st</sup>, Christopher Dula 28<sup>th</sup>,**

Please let the Secretary know if any members  
need to be added to the Birthday List for the  
stated month. May the peace of Jesus Christ be  
with you always.

### SCRIPTURE READING(S):

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

### SERMONIC MESSAGE:

Mark 1:4-11

**REV. Harold J. Bennett**

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