



Service for the Lord's Day

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

January 7, 2024

Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

**Please stand, as you are able*

Gathering of the People

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lynda McLean

Prelude

Setting on "Morning Has Broken"

Gilbert M. Martin

BUNESSAN

*Call to Worship

Lynda McLean

One: There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God. Do you ever feel that way?

Many: Yes, we do. The world can be a harsh place; we often need that reminder.

One: Well then, let us care for one another. Let us speak the truth we each need to hear. Church, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

Many: Friend, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

One: Let us worship the God who knows our names.

Many: Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.

* Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

***Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

deNay Kirkpatrick
from Touch Holiness

O Christmas God - the tinsel falls, the year turns, and the carols fade. The blessing of Bethlehem that touched all the gray in our lives with star silver is past. We read that the holy Child grew and became strong and God's favor was with him. In this string of nameless days, we long for just such steady becoming - for a new amid the routine, for courage and current events, for the assurance of God's presence beyond our holidays and into the wintering times of our lives. Amen.

A Moment with the Children

Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon

Confessing to God

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, From the very beginning, you breathed life into us and called us good. However, somewhere along the way we replaced "good" with "not enough." Somewhere along the way we turned the volume up on that phrase and began to doubt our own self-worth. Forgive us, for this is not what you have taught us. For when the world tells us we are not enough, you call us beloved. Show us how to return to that truth. Show us how to let go of our weariness and rest in that good news. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Our story begins with belovedness. Even when we lose our way, even if we stumble and fall, God never stops breaking through the clouds to claim us. We are known. We are forgiven. We are beloved. Thanks be to God! 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.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Lynda McLean

First Reading**Matthew 2:1-12**

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Instrumental Anthem*We Three Kings*

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano

arr. Ralph Manuel

"Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
 westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to that perfect Light."

Gospel**Luke 3:21-22**

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon*** Hymn 175***Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

Sentences of Scriptures

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

- One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
Many: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
Many: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Presentation of the Ruling Elders to be Ordained and Installed

Lynda McLean

*Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose 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.

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

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- One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Constitutional Questions

Congregational Answers

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- One: Do we, the members of Cahaba Springs, accept Danny Foote, Karen Brown, and Liz Hughins as active elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
Many: We do.
One: Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?
Many: We do.

Prayer of Ordination

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Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed: Matthew 11:28-30

Lynda McLean

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Responding to God's Grace

Call for the Offering

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Offertory

Pastorale
from the Christmas Concerto

Arcangelo Corelli

***The Doxology**

**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**

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Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

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.

Sharing of the Sacraments

We will be celebrating Holy Communion by intinction. You will come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Prayer after Communion

Sending of God's People

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| *Hymn 547 | <i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i> | AR HYD Y NOS |
| *Charge and Blessing And all God's children say, "Alleluia! Amen!" | | deNay Kirkpatrick |
| * Choral Benediction | <i>Three-fold Amen</i> | TRADITIONAL |
| *Postlude | <i>Rigaudon</i> | André Campra |

Except where otherwise noted, liturgy by Rev. Sarah Speed
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The use of star words is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year. We will celebrate this practice today, the first Sunday following Epiphany. Individual intention words, or guiding words, will be placed in baskets at the end of the front pews. During Holy Communion, following the taking of the elements, you are invited to draw a word from the baskets and to use that word as a guiding word throughout the year. Place your star word somewhere you will see it regularly throughout the year and reflect on how God is moving through, around, or in connection to that word in your life.

Welcome to Cahaba Springs

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning at Cahaba Springs! To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, and service opportunities, please pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at cspchurch.org. We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often.

Children: We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available during worship, staffed by experienced workers. During the 11:00 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during *A Moment with the Children*, then may continue to worship with their family or go to Junior Church. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the offering plates that will be passed around during the offertory, or you may give securely online through eOffering - an information sheet on eOffering is on the table in the entryway.

January Happenings at Cahaba Springs

Fellowship Lunch – today immediately following worship. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

Taking Down Advent Decorations – today following the luncheon. Please plan to stay and help.

Knit Wits – Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 AM meeting in the Ladies' Room.

Stated Session Meeting – Sunday, January 14th immediately following worship.

XYZ January Luncheon – Tuesday, January 16th. We will meet at a local restaurant, more details to follow.

PW January Luncheon & Study – Sunday, January 21st immediately following worship. We will study Chapter 5 of Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts by Olive Mahabir. Please bring sides or dessert; soup will be provided.

Rise Against Hunger – Saturday, January 27th from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 1124 Montgomery Highway, Vestavia. For more details, please refer to the Missions page of the bulletin.

Communion of Empty Hands – Sunday, January 28th benefiting T.E.A.M.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, January 30th at 5:30 PM. This month's discussion will be on *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult led by Karen O'Brien.

PRAYER CONCERNS

for our church family...

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| Agnes Dauphinee | Nellie Songer | Margaret Linville | Wayne Hughins |
| Melissa Scholl | Jim Gillespie | Joan Lowery | Tom Lowery |
| Edward Giddens | Serena Jenkins | Jean Camp | Carol Brown |
| Ed Swartz, Jr. | Cecile Floyd | Chuck Smith | Betty Quattlebaum |
| Corbett Millar | Randy Little | Arnold & Laura Reichert | |

for our extended family...

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| Lisa Kraye Smith | Gene McKean | Grayson Pope | Sonia Burrage |
| Louis Scholl | Heather Hawkins | Virginia Yarbrough | Leslie Speakman |
| Joy Martin | Don McCants | Eleanor Garner | Jeff Strickland |
| Matthias | Candice White | Gene Eades | Bobby Hogleund |
| Shelley Easterling | Barry Parvin | Aaron Dailey | Cindi Wesley |
| Mason Ford | Pat & Vicky McCann | Perry Johnson | Laura Stalls |
| Laura Rainey | C. J. Fonte | David Narkates | Deborah Braswell |
| Tommy Robbins | Kevin Little | Amy Baughman | Andy Lewis |
| Philippe Lathrop | Joe Pat Bludsworth | Bennett Fuller | |
| Andrew Kestle | Mike & Nancy Hartman | | |

If you need someone to drive you to doctor appointments or other necessary places, please call the church office. We have a list of people that will be glad to assist you.

Classes for 2024

Reel to Real – Sundays at 9:30 AM in *Harmony Hall* led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically.

Fun With the Lectionary - a new Sunday School class for youth and adults meeting at 9:30 AM in the Pastor's Conference Room. The class will be led by Pastor deNay and will study the lectionary readings for the week. We will be following the three-year **Revised Common Lectionary** for Sundays and festivals which was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992 and was included in the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993/2018). This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in public worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year). We are currently in Year B. For more information, contact Pastor deNay.

Growing in Grace & Gratitude -- Sundays at 9:30 AM. *The children grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the (grace) of God was upon them. – Luke 2:40.* Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. We welcome the children as God's beloved who will seek to follow Christ. We are in need of teachers, so if you would like to serve, please see Karen Brown or Linda Inzer.

Thursdays Together – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are studying *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* by Robert Fulghum. Quoting a man rescued from a burning bed, the title is a clue to the merriment in some of the essays collected here, inviting readers to laugh as they empathize with those who put themselves in absurd situations. These stories remind us that there is a clownish facet in everyone's character, one of the traits that make us human.

Other Weekly Events

Chancel Choir – Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Chordmakers – Fridays at 5:30 PM in Harmony Hall. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship, and of course music

Birmingham Youth Group – Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to various Presbyterian Churches. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Brown for additional information.

Mission Projects

Rise Against Hunger

CSPC has been invited to participate in a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event hosted by Southminster Presbyterian Church.

When: Saturday, January 27, 2024, 10 am-12 pm

Where: Southminster Presbyterian Church 1124 Montgomery Hwy Vestavia, AL 35226

Scan below to sign up to volunteer or make a donation to the event:



How to prepare for the event:

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Leave watches and loose jewelry at home. Plain rings such as wedding bands are OK.

Wear a baseball cap that fully covers your hair. If you need more coverage, we will have hairnets at the event. Gloves will also be provided.

Please do not attend if you've had a fever or intestinal illness within 48 hours of the event.

View an instructional video to prepare for the event by scanning the QR code below:



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A church where all people
are welcomed and cared for,
empowered to grow spiritually,
and equipped to serve God
and each other in meaningful ways