



*The People of God in Worship
February 4, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

THE GREETING

Mr. Parks Sned

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mr. Parks Sned

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

All: Before we move or think or speak, you know our actions and our words.

One: You breathed life into us, and shaped us in human form to serve your purpose and sing your praise.

All: We praise you for the gifts of substance and spirit, of acceptance and expectancy, of lineage and legacy.

One: How wonderful are your thoughts, O God!

All: How vast is the expanse of your grace and love!

One: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

(Based on Psalm 139)

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 21**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Parks Snead and The Community

*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.*

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-13

Mr. Parks Snead

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:37-39

Mr. Parks Snead

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*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 and ever. Amen.*

***THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 355**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Parks Snead

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Mary McDonald

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE THIRD READING

Matthew 28:16-20

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE

Relentless Love

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The Community

All are invited to share the bread and the cup, waiting for all to be served.

The Bread: This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

The Cup: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

***HYMN No. 426**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Walk With the Lord

Kevin D. Thomson

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able will please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of last week's sermon outline and the prayer list is in the narthex.

Peakland Baptist Church would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Melissa Garrard Dempsey, Knight Garrard, and the family in the death of their father, Clarence "Chuck" Knight Garrard, Jr. Chuck passed away on Sunday, January 28th, 2018.

Offertory Emphasis

Within the Alliance of Baptists there are various communities of concern into which individuals and congregations may channel their attention and resources. One of these communities works to promote racial reconciliation, diversity, and multiculturalism. The Community for Racial Justice and Multiculturalism provides resources for efforts in our congregations, ministries, and the broader society. Your mission gift supports this and other initiatives of the Alliance of Baptists.

Please join me in prayer.

We join with others in the Alliance of Baptists to promote dignity and opportunity for all. Today we share in providing our support to the transformation of church and society through the Community for Racial Justice and Multiculturalism. Amen.