



*The People of God in Worship*

*July 2, 2017*

*Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

**THE GREETING**

The Hon. Ed Burnette

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 organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

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Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

People: **Sing to the glory of His name!**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!"

People: **All the earth bows down to You!**

Leader: They sing praise to Your name.

People: **We sing praise to Your name. Amen.**

-based on Psalm 66

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 214**

*He Has Made Me Glad*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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**THE FIRST READING**

Amos 5:21-24

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Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

James 2:14-17

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Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

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 MORNING PRAYER**

Dr. Tony Brooks

**\*THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 415**

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer

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Offertory

*Behold the Lamb*

arr. Andy Albritton

Mr. Gary Christie, Soloist

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE THIRD READING**

Mark 2:1-12

Dr. Tony Brooks

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

*Faith Is In Following*

Dr. Tony Brooks

**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.

\*THE BENEDICTION

Dr. Tony Brooks

\*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 the prayer list are in the narthex.**

*We are pleased to have with us this morning Dr. Tony Brooks from the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). Dr. Brooks has, for the past six years, been a field strategist for the BGAV for approximately 177 churches across Southside Virginia, as well as the Sunday School/Discipleship Specialist for the state. In a meeting earlier this morning he began his consulting support for our newly elected Pastor Search Team. Thank you for being with us today.*

Offertory Emphasis

How can we exemplify the biblical mandate to love the stranger and Jesus' teaching to love our neighbors as ourselves? Our partner, the Baptist World Alliance, has called upon its member bodies and individual believers "to personally engage with all refugees and displaced persons, generously showing God's love and care as we demonstrate the sufficiency of God made known through Jesus Christ." Your mission gift is at work to reverse conditions that lead to the displacement of refugees and for peace, harmony, and justice to prevail.

Please join me in prayer.

*We seek to be salt and light in ways that bring the values of our Lord into our world. We join the Baptist World Alliance in commending fellow believers who have embodied the biblical mandate to stand with the vulnerable and to extend Christian hospitality. We support ministries locally and worldwide that offer welcome to the stranger and assistance to the vulnerable. Amen.*