



The People of God in Worship
January 13, 2019
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

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 (from Isaiah 43) (remain seated)

Sarah Raessler

Leader: The Lord says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

People: I have called you by name, and you are mine.

Leader: When you pass through the waters,

People: I will be with you;

Leader: When you walk through fire,

People: You shall not be burned and flame shall not consume you.

Leader: For I am the Lord your God.

All: Fear not, for I am with you."

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Deborah Raessler 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

Matthew 3:13-17

Sarah Raessler

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

John 2:1-11

Deborah Raessler

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Peakland Choir

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY,
THE MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*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. 665 (remain seated)

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Deborah Raessler

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Tidying Up

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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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

***HYMN No. 508**

Love Lifted Me

***THE BENEDICTION**

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***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

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

A special thank you to Barbara Betenbaugh for being our guest organist today. We love having you with us.

The flowers on the altar are to celebrate the life of Georgia Fauber's brother, Ron Willis, who passed away one year ago - January 14, 2018. He is deeply missed.

Offertory Emphasis

Jesus declared that our love for God should include loving God with our whole mind. The vision and stewardship of faithful Virginia Baptists has for many years allowed the Baptist General Association of Virginia to offer scholarships to deserving college students. In addition, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship provides scholarships to students studying at seminaries and schools of theology. Peakland supports these efforts, not to indoctrinate students in a narrow orthodoxy, but to equip each of them to develop their own insights and gifts for service.

Please join me in prayer.

We gladly share in the development of emerging leaders for advancing God's realm through the renewing of minds. We uphold the students, faculty, and staff in each of the schools where we provide support. Amen.