

Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
JANUARY 13, 2019—10:30 A.M.

*Denotes - *Those who are able, please stand.*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Organist

***PASTOR'S DECLARATION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

***HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#337 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*Responsively*)

Bruce Rockett, Liturgist

Holy God, you have called us and claimed us. You have made us your people, your children, the sheep of your pasture. You have filled us with your own Spirit and sent us as your messengers into the world.

Help us, O God, to rest secure in your claim on our lives and enable us to respond faithfully to the work you put before us. Amen.

***INTROIT**

Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Guest Director

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Bruce Rockett, Liturgist

Holy and Merciful God, we open our minds, our hearts, and our lives to you.

Wash what is soiled, heal what is wounded, and free what is imprisoned, that we may create a space for your indwelling.

When we are fearful or greedy or selfish, when we are more focused on tomorrow than today, draw us back to your purpose. When material things become more important than relationships, awaken us to that which matters most.

Forgive us, O God, when we choose unwisely and free us to follow Christ, who taught us to pray:

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.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolyte(s): Evie Belle Hight

Cross Bearer: Nate Misenheimer

Elder(s): Pat Bowers & Joye Lane

Nursery Attendant: Sonya Starnes

Treasurer Assistant today:

David Eckard

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Dawn Kilby

Lay Reader: Shuford Abernethy

Treasurer Assistant: Howard Cooper

Flower Calendar:

Ed & Jean Gurley

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Service to be held next Sunday, January 20th at 6:00pm—at Covenant Christian Church (2968 Hughey Dr—Newton, NC)

Hosts—Rev. Don W. Bledsoe & Rev. Ron M. Carson



Due to security purposes, the door between the Parlor and the Stairs will no longer be unlocked during Sunday Services. *This door is now marked as an emergency exit only.*

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers

Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader

Marty Light, Organist

Joe Hart, Financial Secretary

Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43: 1-5a, 10-13

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you.

¹⁰ You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. ¹¹ I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. ¹² I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. ¹³ I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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.'

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

Congregational CARE NOTES today! There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person's home.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

HOSPITALIZATIONS

RJ York—Catawba, Rm 318

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Melanie McLendon
Mary Schell
Sarah Hoffman
Garland & Darlene Whittaker

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Miller
Odessa Whitmire
Paul & Lula Towery
Mary Tuttle
Martha Sigmon
Bobbie Whisenant
Wanda Sue Ammerman

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson—Rm 240
Peggy Hollis

CONOVER REHAB

Martha Null—Rm 406B

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

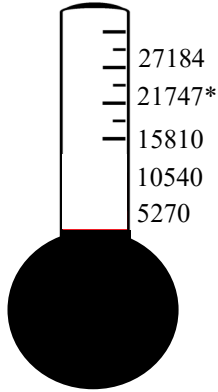
Mike Kilby
Peggy Smith
Wally Davis



CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family of Caroline B. Bryan who passed away on January 9th at Catawba Hospital. A memorial service was held yesterday at Spirit Place.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Dianne Propst on the loss of her mother, Essie Weaver on January 10th. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

I just wanted to send a great big **THANK YOU** to the Brotherhood for the delicious fruit basket at Christmas—and to all the church members for their various care notes and cards. I greatly appreciate each and every one! I am delighted to be part of such a beautiful, caring Church Family. Love you all! - Wanda Sue Ammerman



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
January 06	—	149	21	170	40	\$ 4,498.00
January 13						
January 20						
January 27						
TOTALS	—	149	21	170	40	\$ 4,498.00

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747* and for a five week month is \$27,184.

This Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

The Baptism of Christ

Receiving of New Members

9:15am—S.S. Assembly

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

11:45am—Church Staff Meeting

11:45am—Reception for New Members
in Office Foyer

**NO "Faith Alive!" Worship Tonight!*

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

5:30pm—Brotherhood Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

6:00pm—Chairpersons' Snack Supper
& Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

2:30pm—Community Blood Drive

7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:15am—S.S. Assembly

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

11:45am—Kidz Club Meeting

11:45am—Youth Fundraiser Lunch

**NO "Faith Alive!" Worship Tonight!*

6:00pm—Community Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. Service @
Covenant Christian Church

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory

***Doxology** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN** *"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"* # 458 Blue Book

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION** (*responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout

Go out to fulfill your destiny as children of God. Bear witness to the light and love of Christ; for you will be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We will go, praising God for making us instruments of his peace.

Go now in the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CHORAL RESPONSE** Chancel Choir

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** Marty Light

Today, after Service, please join us in the foyer for a Welcoming Tea in honor of our newest church members! Cookies, Fruit, Coffee, Tea and Lemonade will be available. Come fellowship with us!



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given in Honor of Howard's siblings—Nancy, Pauline, Ernest, Calvin & Timothy—and Audrey's brother, Craig. They are also given in Loving Memory of Howard's brother, Herbert.

- Given by Howard & Audrey Cooper

The ROSE on the altar today is given to the Glory of God and in Honor of the birth of Annie Clarke Matson on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. She is the daughter of Chase & Ali Matson—and the sister of Cooper—the granddaughter of Marty & Amy Gantt Hancock—and the great granddaughter of Charles & Brenda Gantt. The rose is placed in the brass and crystal bud vase given to the church and all of God's children in Memory of Annie's great-great grandmother, Mary Etta Gantt.



THANK YOU, Brotherhood, for the fruit basket that was delivered to me while I was in the hospital. And, thank you, everyone for all of your prayers, concerns, and calls that I have received lately. I am blessed beyond measure to be part of such a caring Church Family. - Mary Schell

THANK YOU so much for all the prayers, cards, calls, and visits that were received during the illness and death of my sister. The caring and loving support from you all make this time a little bit easier. - Betty Curlee