

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2017
Epiphany _____

First Sunday after

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

WORSHIP CHIMES

ENTRANCE

“Down to the River to Pray”
Grace Chancel Choir

Tony Merry

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Todd Sands

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN 347

“Spirit Song”

*OPENING PRAYER

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Sing a New Song to the Lord”
Grace Chancel Choir

N. Sleeth

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

As the children come forward, the congregation may sing: “10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

Cindy Lawyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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, forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Prelude in C”

A. Bruckner

*DOXOLOGY 94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 252

“When Jesus Came to Jordan” [vs. 1]

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 252

“When Jesus Came to Jordan” [vs. 2]

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

THE HEAVENS ARE OPENED

HYMN 252

“When Jesus Came to Jordan” [vs. 3]

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT 50-52

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*HYMN 393

“Spirit of the Living God”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fuga a Cuatro”

A. deCabezon

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 4

Worship – --, 53

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 8 Bob Lentz

January 9 Jean Caughey

January 10 Shirley Anderson, Drew Hoskinson, Winnie Mayoras

January 11 Aubrey Hamilton, Erin Hollins

January 12 Karen Moon

January 13 Kevin Kaib

HELP! The Christmas decorations will be taken down following the 10:30 worship service. The more help we have the sooner we will be done!

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, January 8		
Monday, January 9		
Tuesday, January 10	5:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership – Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Yoga
Wednesday, January 11	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 12	6:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee – Classroom
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study
Friday, January 13	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, January 14		
Sunday, January 15	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	City-Wide Singspiration – John McIntire Library

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

Thanks to Our Worship Leaders this Morning:

Hospitality Team – Carol Friel, Ned Weaver

Usher Coordinator – Dana Swope

Elevator – Diane Marks

Pianist – Marcie Butterfield

Procession – Coty Brown, Dana Swope

Lay Leader – Todd Sands

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, Kids' Own Worship, Nursery] – Julie McAllister, Sarah Burris,
Cindy Lawyer

Sound Technician – Craig Hill

Sunday, January 15 — 4:00 p.m. — John McIntire Library Auditorium – Free and open to the public – Singspiration and message commemorating and celebrating the life and contributions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Covenant Renewal

Today is the first Sunday after the Epiphany. During this season, the focus will be on sharing our faith with others. This is a time for us to invite others to “come and see” who Jesus is, what following Him means, and what He teaches about life. By following the life and ministry of Jesus, from His baptism to His transfiguration, we, the Church, grow as His disciples as we invite others to join us on the journey. Today we focus on the Baptism of Christ.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

Gathering for Celebration

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – Matthew 3:13-17

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message – *The Heavens are Opened* — Pastor Mark Chow

Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Covenant

Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church.....

.....Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's Holy Church.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**