

## Church Staff

## Parish Calendar

Senior Pastor <b>Rev. Dr. Kitty Holtzclaw</b>	Youth Director Julie Lee
Pastor Emeritus & Bishop-In-Residence <b>Bishop M. L. Meadors, Jr.</b>	Facilities Manager <b>Chris Greene</b>
Minister of Discipleship <b>Ryan Pendergraff</b>	Administrative Assistant <b>Heather James</b>
Pastoral Care <b>Rev. Herb Franklin</b>	Director of Children's Ministry Social Media Specialist <b>Rebecca Rowell</b>
Director of Music <b>Dr. Robert A. Heritage</b>	Child Dev. Center Director Ali Boyles
Organist <b>Fran Pinson</b>	Custodians Terry Baker Jimmy Barrs
Director of Children's Choir <b>Gail Rhoad</b>	

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### Serving Today

Piano Prelude Crucifer Acolyte Ushers	Jean Ann Rogers Marshall Pickens, III Kay May Pickens Donnie Brock & Wes Welborn, Jr. Co-Chair
<b>Group 2</b>	
1. Glenn Garrison 2. Clyde Hobbs 3. Ted Brown 5. Robert Rainey 6. Tim Cain 7. Susan Campbell 8. Ken Harbert, Frankie McClain, Marshall Pickens III, Howard Stammerjohn 9. Charlie Cleveland, Tom Martin, David Lowery, Ernest Rogers	

### Records Report January 6, 2019

Sunday School: 84	Worship: 188
Visitors: 18	Kid City Kids: 10 Leaders: 8
<b>Monthly Budget Needs:</b>	<b>\$68,424.00</b>
<b>Received Last Week</b>	
Operating Budget:	\$25,041.00
Renovations: \$550.00	Good Samaritan: \$25.00
Other:	\$250.00

**Year to Date for Operating Budget: \$25,041.00**

**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday: 9:00a - 12:00p - 1:00p - 5:00p. Friday 9:00a - 12:00p

### Monday, January 14

6:15 p.m. Anderson's Sm. Group, Parlor

### Tuesday, January 15

9:15 a.m. Circle 4 Mtg., The Bleckley Inn

10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Rm. 408

11:00 a.m. Yoga Class, Parlor

**12:00 p.m. Journal Articles are Due**

4:30 p.m. Happy Group Travels

6:00 p.m. CDC Board Mtg., Osteen Bldg.

6:00 p.m. Dinner for 10, Franklin's Home

### Wednesday, January 16

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Meeting Pl.

9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet is open

10:00 a.m. Staff Mtg., Osteen Building

**3:00 p.m. Bulletin information is due**

5:30 p.m. Children's Choir (1st-5th), Chapel

6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner & Study, Rm. 408

6:00 p.m. Missions Committee Mtg, Parlor

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

### Sunday, January 20

9:15 a.m. Alpha, Rm. 318

9:15 a.m. Disciples Path, Rm. 411

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Parlor

**10:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary**

### Please Prayerfully Remember

Butch Dutton, Sabra Allen, Ivan Armstrong,  
 Raymond Collier, Sharron Dutton, Elsie  
 Charlesworth, Peggy Carlton, Jim Hammond,  
 Moyer Albertogotti, Jim Chisman, Reanon Cartee,  
 Mary Ouellette, Leila Barr Stuckey, Robert  
 McAuley, Helen West, Deborah Greene, Jim Pinson,  
 George Holtzclaw, Joe and Melisa Glenn.

### Our military



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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A National Historic Landmark

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**January 13, 2019**

**1st Sunday After Epiphany**



*~ We Gather To Worship God ~*

**Piano Prelude** Marlene McClain  
**“Break Forth O Beauteous, Heavenly Light”** Johann Schop

**Welcome and Announcements** Ryan Pendergraph

Children are always welcome in worship at St. John's. All children Preschool—6th grade are also invited to be a part of our new children's ministry, Kid City. Feel free to take your child to the 3rd floor at this time if you would like them to participate.

\* **Trinity Chimes “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”** Philipp Nicolai  
**“Baptized in Water”** BUNESSAN

**“How Firm a Foundation”** FOUNDATION

\* **Hymn No. 529** Dr. Kitty Holzcslaw

\* **Litany of Baptism**

A wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

The voice of the Lord is over the water; the God of glory thunders.

The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

By awesome deeds you deliver us.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

Your Son joined us in the waters of repentance and you declared him “Beloved”.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

And all who worship shout, “Glory!”

**Prayer**

Sarah Anderson

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.

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.

*~ We Listen For God's Word ~*

**“Beautiful Savior”**

Lloyd Larson

**Gospel Lesson** (pew Bible, New Testament, page 60) Luke 3, 15-17, 21-22

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. All: Thanks be to God.

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**Sermon** “God and Me”

Dr. Kitty Holzcslaw

*~ We Respond To God's Love ~*

**“When Jesus Came to Jordan”**

Arr. Fran Pinson

\* **Presentation of Gifts and Tithes**

\* **Doxology**

No. 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Service of Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

**Introduction**

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters, in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

**Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith**

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?  
We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Do you affirm your faith as it is expressed in the Apostles' Creed?

\* **Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version**

Sarah Anderson

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**Thanksgiving Over the Water**

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting. Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.  
We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

(All who are baptized are invited to come to the fount to use the water as a sign of refreshing and may then kneel at the Chancel Rail to pray if you so desire.)

\* **Hymn No. 347**

SPIRIT SONG

*~ We Are Sent Into The World ~*

\* **Benediction**

**“Joy to the World”**

\* **Postlude**

followed by Choral Response  
Arr. George F. Handel

*\*The congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*