

**Morning Worship**  
**January 13, 2019**  
**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

**We Gather in God's Name**

Greeting Tom Hammer  
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Giving Tom Hammer

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Jordan

Choral Introit *In My Life*

\*Call to Worship

God is with us always and calls us each by name.

**When we pass through difficulties and stress,**

God is with us and calls us by name.

**When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,**

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

**Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.**

\*Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, one in grace, one glory, one in love – you call us to love and serve you as one people, united in heart, mind, spirit, and strength. Help us to love one another, living in unity and peace, working together in your Spirit for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our reconciler and redeemer.**

\*Hymn 612 *We Praise You, O God*

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sins to our loving God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, we confess we do not always see ourselves as those marked for your service. We forget that you have called us by name, knowing each one of us, loving us and inviting us to be a part of your presence in the world. Forgive us for the ways we are unloving and do not promote your peace and justice. Help us to be people who remember our calling and who live to help others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

**We Receive God's Word**

Children's Sermon Rev. Ashley Cheek  
*Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.*

Anthem *What Brings Us Together* Althouse

What brings us together, what joins our hearts is Jesus, our Savior, and the love he imparts.

And here in this church we find God's own Son.

We worship and we join him as one.

What brings us together year after year, is the love of our Savior, and he is here.

And in this sanctuary we come to him and pray, for he is surely with us today.

A covenant with Jesus, of heart and mind and hand

Is made with true believers; with Christ, the Lord, we stand.

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And here in this church we find God's own Son.

We worship him and join him as one.

What brings us together, what joins our hearts, is Jesus Christ, our Savior, and with him, we are one.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

New Testament Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Ashley Cheek

“Do Not Withhold”

**We Respond to God's Word**

\* Hymn 177 *I Will Come to You*

\* Declaration of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

\**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

**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.**

Prayers of The People (concluding with 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 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.**

Offering Invitation

Offertory *Song of Thankfulness and Praise* Near

\* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee**

Prayer of Dedication

**We Depart in God's Name**

\* Hymn 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

\* Benediction and Sending

\* Congregational Response

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

\* Postlude *Voluntary* anon.

We **welcome** Rev. Ashley Cheek to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Cheek is the pastor of Family Life at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter. Ashley received her MDIV and MACE from Union Theological Seminary and is passionate about helping families grow deep roots in their faith. Ashley is married to Rev. Nick Cheek and they have 3 children.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Flynn.

We **welcome** new members Melanie and Michael Flynn and Larry Zimmerman to our church.

