

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

✦ **HYMN #744**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the light of Christ,

we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's grace,

let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

**you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred to live in darkness.**

your justice protects the weak and the distressed,

yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.

your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,

yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.

your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,

yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.

Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,

that we may trust you in all things.

[continue in silence, personal confession...]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #581**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

✦ **HYMN #688**

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

INTERLUDE

✦ **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed [page 34]

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

◆ **DOXOLOGY #606**

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HOLY COMMUNION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

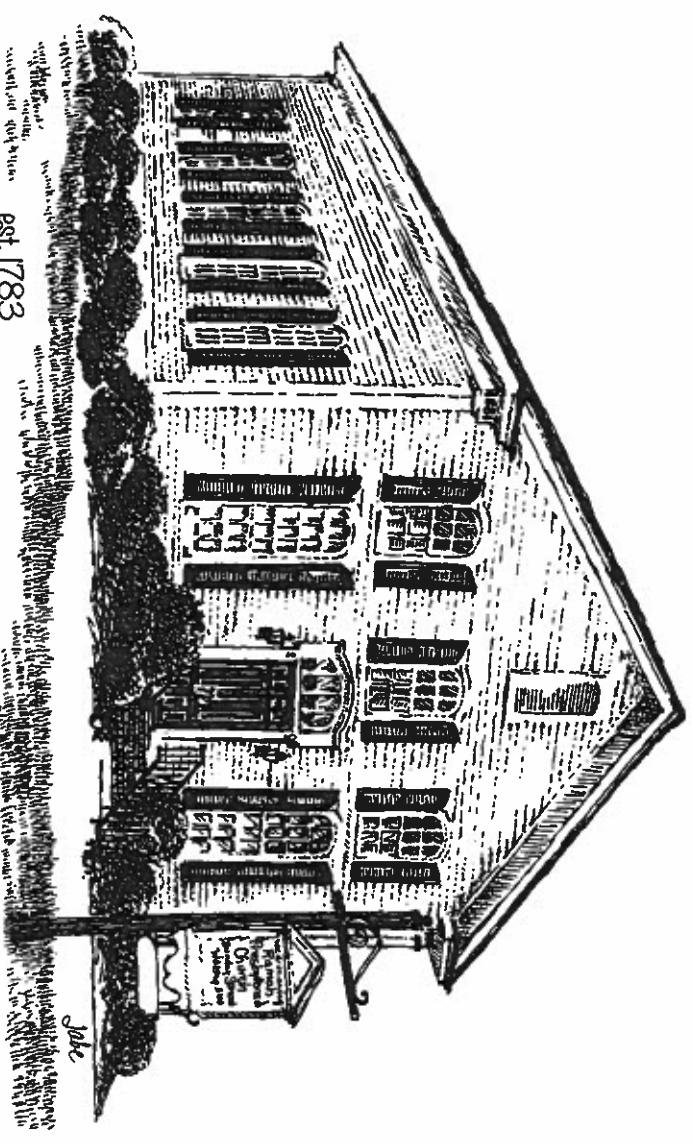
◆ **HYMN #450** "Be Thou My Vision"

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **POSTLUDE**

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◆ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord

Worship Leadership:
The Reverend Brian Copeland
The Director of Music: Tim Ward