

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ PEACE

PRELUDE

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

Then God said: Let there be light,

And God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

✦ HYMN #209

“This Is the Day”

CALL TO CONFESSION

A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent,
be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord.

**We return to the water to confess our sins,
giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ,
the one who has come to save us.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[unison]

**God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are—
not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.**

Forgive us, gracious God.

**In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you.**

[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 #579

“Glory Be To the Father”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5

EPISTLE READING Psalms 29

INTERLUDE

✦ GOSPEL Mark 1:4 -11

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed [Traditional]

✦ **HYMN #8**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [Traditional]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HOLY COMMUNION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ **HYMN #265**

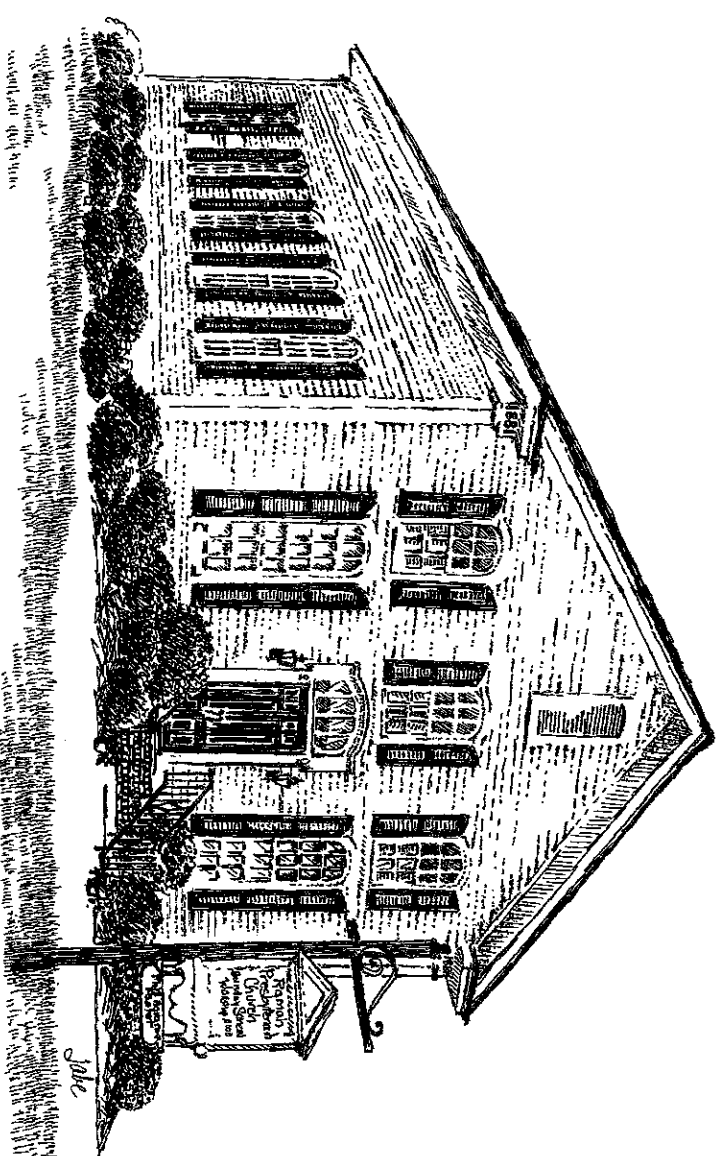
“The First Noel”

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, January 7, 2018
Baptism of the Lord

Worship Leadership:

The Reverend Brian Copeland

The Director of Music: Tim Ward

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Greeter: Sonya Ashburn

Acolyte: Finn Watson