ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

January 28, 2018
Season of Epiphany
The people of God gather on the Lord’s Day to worship Him. We do this in the power of the Holy Spirit, out of gratitude to our Almighty God who has revealed Himself in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We humble ourselves before Him by declaring His worth, confessing His lordship, rendering to Him honor and glory, and by submitting to His Word.

There are many reasons to do this; however, none are more compelling than grace! “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

Brothers and sisters, we don’t love God so that He will love us. Rather, we love Him because He loved us first! Let us then delight to praise Him today for “his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1:6b).

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ....................................... LAUDA ANIMA

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of Grace. Amen.

INVOCATION (please raise hands)

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM
8:15
Avery Rebecca Moffett, born August 8, 2017, daughter of Jared and Leslie Moffett
11:00
Lindley Madeline Smith, born August 31, 2017, daughter of Kevin and Mary Smith
Daniel Rives Wynn, Jr., born May 27, 2017, son of Daniel and Virginia Wynn

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You”  ............... JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.

RECEIVE THE GRACE OF OUR LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father,
You dwell in a high and holy place,
but also with those who are repentant and lowly in spirit.
Yet we confess our hearts are proud and our eyes are haughty.
We look down on others and are absorbed with ourselves.
Level, O Lord, the mountains of our pride.
Forgive us and free us from the idolatry of self,
so that we may imitate the One who was gentle and humble of heart.
We also confess how often we wallow in the valleys
of self condemnation, guilt, and despair.
Bring us up into the freedom and gladness
that belong to those who rest and trust in your gospel of grace;
for this we pray in the matchless name of Jesus, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 170 “Fairest Lord Jesus” ........... CRUSADER’S HYMN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS ..................... Timothy L. Russell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” ....... Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand’ring spirit back, when I forsake His ways,
And leads me for His mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

Marian Shaffer, harp; Dee Walker, flute; Shelly Sublett, oboe
Submit to the Word of Our Lord

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)  .............................................. Jennie Brooks

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON  ...................................................... Acts 5:1-16
(page 913 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON  The Cure for Selfishness, Part 1  George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 353 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”  ST. THOMAS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G Major”  J.S. Bach

Indicates congregation standing  CCLI License #252778

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday night at 6:00 in the Sanctuary for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God’s Word. The evening sermon is based on the same passage of Scripture and is a continuation from what is preached during the morning services. We invite you to worship with us!
I. Gospel Judgment *(Acts 5:1-10)*

A. Departure from New Identity

B. Departure from God

C. Departure from Reason

D. Restoration of Order

II. Gospel Healing *(Acts 5:11-16)*

A. Re-creates Disciples

B. Restores the Body

C. Rescues the Soul

D. Renews Dignity