



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Elders of the Month

Welcome, one and all, to this
time of worship. We are blessed
to have you with us today.

Ushers are available
for your assistance.

If you are interested in joining
Little Chapel on the Boardwalk,
please contact Pastor Pat at
(910) 256-2819 ext. 103

*Please silence all cell phones
and do not bring food or drink
into the sanctuary.*

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY
JANUARY 17, 2016 10:30 AM**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please fill out the Friendship Pad found at the end of your pew
and pass it along to others. During the prelude speak to God,
during the service let God speak to you, after the service
speak to one another.*

PRELUDE

Prelude in E-minor

Gerald Bales

INTROIT

There Is a Redeemer

Melody Green

Chancel Choir

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Pat Rabun

Pastor: Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great
things. Our mouths are filled with laughter
and shouts of joy.

**People: A harvest of abundance surrounds us.
We will eat in plenty and be satisfied.**

Pastor: Praise God for all the bounty we enjoy.
Give thanks for every good and perfect gift.

**People: We lay aside our worries and our fears.
God has dwelt wondrously with us, and
we rejoice.**

Pastor: Seek first God's realm of righteousness. Let
God reign in all your thoughts and
relationships.

**People: We know God is with us here. We trust
God to supply what we most need.**

All: Let us worship God!

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Susan Long

Leader: How often we fail to discern the times! How easily we tear down when the moment calls instead for building up. How often we speak when silence is called for. How tempting it is to look for a harvest when we have not yet planted.

People: We pray for God's pardon.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

You know the truth about us, O God, better than we know ourselves. We have gathered the bounty of your earth to fill our bank accounts, struggling to get ahead, blinded by greed. We have not stopped to gaze with wonder at the birds of the air or the flowers of the field. We have not paused to listen to one another or to walk with Christ among outcasts and sinners. We turn away from the prompting of the Holy Spirit, choosing to worry rather than to praise. Turn us around, we pray, that we might receive forgiveness and enter into a time of true thanksgiving.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is merciful to all who truly seek a new way of life. If you have come to genuinely repent and desire to try God's way rather than your own, be assured that you are forgiven. You are freed to sing a new song, to leap for joy, to treat others as you wish to be treated.

People: Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

GLORIA

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Janet O'Neil

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Long

Leader: Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 36:5-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Are Singing, For The Lord Is Our Light
Chancel Choir

South African Song

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 175

LAFFERTY

"Seek Ye First"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 6:24-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Pat Rabun

"Did Jesus Really Say That?"
(Part 1)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love, as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Joyful, Joyful

arr. Paul Manz

* DOXOLOGY *no. 647(sing once)*

GIVE THANKS

"Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what
the lord has done for us!"**

Give thanks.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 772

TRURO

“Live into Hope”

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Rankin

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again;

Loving counsel’s guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd’s care enfold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

* POSTLUDE

O Had I Jubal’s Lyre

G. F. Handel

* All who are able, please stand.

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