

\* THE HYMN 446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*Immortal, Invisible*

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WORSHIP JANUARY 9, 2011

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

THE GATHERING

Bill Humphries

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

Leader: For the Holy One, our God, is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Children of God, welcome home!

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

\*(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)

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Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.  
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 012.

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Deacon on call: Jeanne McCarthy 678.595.4882  
Ushers: Robin and Alan Boren, Nancy Lane, and Bradley Odom  
Greeters: Lisa and Shannon Harris, Ellen Brown, Maria Ragland  
Coffee and Conversation Host: JoAnn Bertrand  
Counter: Sarah Beth Gehl  
Infant Volunteer: Nancy Crow  
Toddler/Two Volunteer: Heather Regnault  
Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Ibby Bailey, Beth Baer  
K-1st Grade Volunteers: Michelle and Nowell Berreth  
2nd-3rd grade Volunteer: Mary Michael  
Fellowship: Montreat Group

**Staff**

Baron Mullis.....Pastor-Elect  
Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster  
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## THE CALL TO CONFESSION

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have shown us the path that love takes--submitting to the needs of others, open to everyone, willing to suffer and endure. We confess that we desire a different path--one where our interests are protected, our comfort is preserved, and we decide who merits our attention. Such love does not resemble yours. O Suffering Servant, forgive our faint efforts to follow you. Pour your love into our hearts, that we might learn compassion, practice charity, and cultivate both character and hope. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 417)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

### \* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Three through five-year-olds in Room 011; K - 1st grade in Room 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in Room 003; Double Digits in Room 005.*

### THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

**THE FIRST LESSON** Proverbs 30:18-19 (page 578 in the pew Bible)  
Psalm 8 (page 466 in the pew Bible)

**THE ANTHEM** *Great Lord God! Thy Kingdom Shall Endure* G. F. Handel

**THE SECOND LESSON** 1 Corinthians 3:16-4:2 (page 157 in the pew Bible)

## THE SERMON

*“The Wonder of It All”*

Bill Brown

*Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. 1 Corinthians 4:1*

**\* THE HYMN 163** *Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name* (verses 1-4, 6)

### \* THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

**THE OFFERTORY** *Heut’ Triumphiret Gottes Sohn* J.S. Bach  
*(from Orgelbüchlein)*

**\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)