

The Baptism

Welcome: The people respond, saying:  
**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Prayer* Franck

\*DOXOLOGY #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*, Hymnal p. 16)

and to be Sent with the Word.

\*HYMN #490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE CHIMES

*Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Travers

\*All who are able may stand.

**We Welcome You in the Name of Christ** - We especially welcome all our guests, and ask that you fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad you will find in the pew. We are a fellowship of prayer, worship, and service to a loving God. If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted for you to consider membership in Clemmons Presbyterian Church. Information about us is found at the Visitors table in the Narthex or online.

**To share a prayer request**, please use the cards in the pew racks and place the card in the offering. It will be taken to the minister and shared in today's prayers.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God** by Dave and Jamie McCollum in honor of the McCollum/Darst wedding.

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# Clemmons Presbyterian Church

Order for Worship 10:45 am

February 25, 2018

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

As the candles are lighted, and the chimes begin, let us focus our hearts on the worship of the most Holy God.

PRELUDE *The Lord Is My Shepherd* arr. Young

WELCOME and RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP Patrick McElwaine

*Everyone is encouraged to sign, date, and pass the pew pad down your row.*

*Please note and welcome your neighbors upon its return.*

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 25*

Leader: I will tell of God's name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

People: **You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.

People: **And all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

\*HYMN #49 *The God of Abraham Praise*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Lord of all creation, human sin has corrupted your good world and harmed what you gave us to love.

People: **Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us confess our sin and repent together.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed to love purely, neglected to do justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Lord, hear now our silent prayers...**

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*HYMN #417 Verse 1

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

**Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*from Psalm 25*

Leader: Lord, you do not despise or abhor the affliction of your hurting people.

**People: You do not hide your face from us, but hear when we cry out to you.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and delivered from our sin.  
Thanks be to God!

\*HYMN #581

*Glory Be to the Father*

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Lector: Chip Wilson

**Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word. Reveal to us your Good News and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Pew Bible OT page 12 & 13, Red Bible page 12 & 13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

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*The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you;  
And give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, the Lord be gracious unto you.  
Amen.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

Pew Bible NT page 145, Red Bible page 1027

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

\*HYMN #474

*As a Child Rests*

*Children ages 4 years old to 2nd grade are invited to meet Godly Play leaders in the Narthex during the hymn.*

SERMON

"A Promise Like No Other"

to Respond to the Word,

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM and INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation: Madeline Elise Seiwell

Daughter of Michelle Marchessault and Andrew Seiwell

Question to Congregation

Leader: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Madeline, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

**People: We do.**

Presentation of New Members:

Tony Sarro

Michelle Marchessault and Andrew Seiwell

Profession of Faith

Questions to the congregation

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

**People: 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.**

(\*\*universal)