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Class of 2019

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Class of 2020

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 7, 2018

First Sunday after Epiphany/The Baptism of the Lord

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Agincourt Hymn John Dunstable (1385-1453)

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Austrian Hymn

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen.**)

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and are reluctant to welcome one another.**

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin.

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism,
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace ...**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 495 We Know That Christ Is Raised Engelberg

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29:1-3a,4,5b,7-8a,9-10 Unison

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord causes the oak trees to whirl, and strips the forest bare.

and in the temple all cry "Glory."

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Anthem Beautiful Savior Anna Laura Page, 2002

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown. Fair are the meadows. Fair are the woodlands, Robed in Flow'rs of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Fair is The sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright all the sparkling stars on high. Jesus shines brighter, Jesus Shines purer than all the angels in the sky. Beautiful savior, Lord of the nations. Son of God and Son Of Man. Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine. Beautiful Savior, Thee We adore. (—Munster Gesangbuch, 1677; tune — Crusader's Hymn (St. Elizabeth), 1842)

Lesson from Acts Acts 19:1-7

Gospel Mark 1:4-11

Sermon The Untamable Spirit Mike Krech

"When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, ..." Acts 19:6a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 492 Baptized In Water Bunessan

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Ordination/Installation of Elders, Class of 2020

Rosemary Gordon, Brooks Keiser, Elizabeth Velazquez

Scripture Sentences

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Questions to the Elders Elect

The congregation stands to respond to the

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Rosemary, Brooks, and Elizabeth as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Hymn 524 Holy Spirit, Lord of Love Salzburg

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Charge

Welcome (Worshippers are invited to come forward and welcome the new elders.)

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Meditation Swedish Folk Song

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 361 How Firm a Foundation Foundation

Postlude Recessional