

WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health, and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

Session Members

Janet Holzman - '19 - Mission
Carol Shick - '19 - Worship
Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration
Bill McClellan - '19 - Fellowship
Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities
Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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Baptism of the Lord Liturgy of Word and Sacrament January 12, 2020, 9:30 A.M.

"Song"

Welcome and Opening Prayer

"Song"

"Song"

(At this time, children are invited to attend Sunday school across the courtyard.)

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Readings

Psalm 29

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

***"John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be
baptized by you, and do you come to me?'"***

Matthew 3:14

Communion

Announcements and Offering

"Song"

Benediction

"Forever Young"

**"Whoever becomes simple and elemental again,
like this child, will rank high in God's kingdom"**
Matthew 18:4 (MSG)

**Please Stay for Congregational Meeting
in Fellowship Hall at 10:50 am**

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**Baptism of the Lord
Liturgy of Word and Sacrament
January 12, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Holy Boy"

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
and the star in the sky is gone;
When the kings are home,
And the shepherds are back with their flock.
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost and heal the broken
To feed the hungry and release the prisoner
To bring peace among the people and make music in the heart.*
Howard Thurman

GATHERING SONG # 57 "The Snow Lay on the Ground" v. 4 P.H.

**And thus that manger poor became a throne;
For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then let us join heavenly host;
To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Refrain -
Venite Adoremus Dominum. Venite Adoremus Dominum

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We stand in awe of God's glory!

**People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord,
over mighty waters.**

Leader: We stand in awe of God's grace!

**People: May the Lord give us strength! May the Lord bless us
with peace!
Alleluia! Amen!**

*HYMN # 507

"I Come with Joy" v. 1-2

P.H.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
but we cling to destructive habits. We hold grudges, and we
allow the past to hold us hostage. In your mercy, forgive us,
Lord. In your power and might, free us from the bondage of sin.
In your loving kindness, help us be the people you know we can
be.**

(silence)

Leader: We pray in the name of God's beloved Son, Jesus,
People: Amen.

Congregational Response # 310 v. 3 P.H.
"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"

**O Hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (After this time, children four years old through
second grade are invited to attend Junior Church in room 3)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 29 (O.T., pp. 504-505)
Matthew 3:13-17 (N.T., p. 3)

SERMON "John would have prevented him, saying,
'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'"
Matthew 3:14

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

*Doxology # 592 *Presbyterian Hymnal*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*COMMUNION HYMN # 507 "I Come with Joy" v. 3-5

P.H.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God of mercy and might. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You have called forth men and women in every age to be your servants and speak your word. When we rebelled against your call and turned from your ways, in your love you called us back to you. You delivered us from captivity, and made covenants to be our sovereign God. You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion.

People: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. Baptized in Jordan's waters, Jesus took his place with sinners and your voice proclaimed him your beloved. Your Spirit anointed him to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release of the captives, to restore sight to the

blind, to free the oppressed. He lived among us in power and grace, touching broken lives with your healing peace. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

People: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts from the field and from the vine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. In whose name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP at 9:30 AM worship service

(Communion is given by intinction. All are invited to come up to the table to receive your elements.)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP at 11:00 AM worship service

(As you hold the bread for your neighbor, say "***The body of Christ broken for you.***" Response: "***Thanks be to God.***" As you hold the cup for your neighbor, say "***The blood of Christ shed for you.***"

Response: "***Thanks be to God.***" Please hold the elements until all are served.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

O God as you once claimed us in the Spirit's waters and number us among your own beloved, give us power to do your work, to show your love, and to live holy and joyful lives. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. We pray in his name, Amen.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (the congregation joins hands to sing)

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
be with you all, be with you all.
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen**

POSTLUDE

*indicates congregation standing

P.H. - Presbyterian Hymnal S.F. - Sing the Faith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TODAY

Liturgist:	Deborah Thatcher
Greeter 9:30:	Carrie Childs
Greeters 11:00:	Nancy Mason and Cammie Williams
Ushers:	Janet Holzman and Jeff Mason
Acolyte:	Rebecca Hudson
Gate Keeper:	Bruce Derenthal
Closer:	Bruce Derenthal
Temple Keeper:	Jay Heidt (on or before 1/18)
Sunday School:	Cammie Williams (Little Lambs) Cindy Doyle (Elementary)
Nursery Helper:	Lily Lavazza
Office Volunteer:	TBD (1/16)
Lemonade Time:	Sampson Family (1/12); Need Hosts (1/19)
Flowers:	Deborah Thatcher

LEMONADE TIME - If you would like to host lemonade time, please sign up on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Interested, but don't know what's involved? Call the church office (689-4412).

IN THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP please turn off or **silence all cell phones** so as not to disrupt the worship experience of others.

PARENTS - Children's packets (ages 3-6) and children's bulletins are available from the ushers. The nursery is available, but the "wobble room" will be open for little ones who want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

PLEASE RECYCLE your unwanted **BULLETINS**. You may drop them off in the baskets provided in the narthex by the doors leading outside.

ATTENTION CHOIRS - Rehearsals for the handbells and chancel choir are on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE FOR FEBRUARY SEFFNER HEART BEAT - Please submit your articles, schedules or other announcements to the church office by January 15. You may drop off copy at the office or email to pseffner@tampabay.rr.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The Women's Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 1 pm in the fellowship hall.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Loli, has resumed on Wednesdays. Come and join us for study!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Today, January 12, 10:50 am, a congregational meeting will be held in the **FELLOWSHIP HALL** for the purpose of the pastor's terms of call and share the 2020 budget.

BIKES FOR JESUS TOOLS - Someone's personal tools used for assembling bikes, were left in the fellowship hall. If the tools belong to you or someone you know, please contact the church office or stop by to pick them up. We would like to make sure they get back home.

BAGS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE are available in the narthex and fellowship hall entry. Please take one to give to someone in need.

MISSION FOCUS FOR JANUARY - Heifer International works with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

BRANDON YOUTH THEATER - Rehearsals for the Brandon Youth Theater group have begun. Most rehearsals are scheduled on Thursdays 6-9pm, a few will take place on a Saturday, please check the calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts.

YOUTH EVENTS- Meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Join us for Bible study and fun. Currently gearing up for **Souper Bowl of Caring, Sunday, February 2**, hot dog sale and flag football game and begin collection of canned goods. We are also looking forward to preparations for **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 25**.

PRAISES and CONCERNS

Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Susan Kriska	Beverley Field	George Kosan
Charlie Sherwood	Roger Golden	Tammy Wooster
Terry Cooney	Jim Barfield	Bob Stetler
Anne Wheeler	Bonnie & John Taylor	Charles Brandt

College: Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Joanna Tindall, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

Military: Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Michael Paynter, Aaron Sampson, Sherryn Ramkarran

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 12, 2020 Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Contemporary Worship with Communion
10:50 am Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Traditional Worship with Communion

Monday, January 13, 2020

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Girl Scouts Meet

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

7:00 pm Session Meets

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels
10:00 am Bible study with Pastor
6:00 pm Youth
6:15 pm Bells
7:30 pm Choir

Thursday, January 16, 2020

6:00 pm Brandon Youth Theater Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19, 2020

9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Contemporary Worship Installation of New Elders
11:00 am Traditional Worship Installation of New Elders
12 noon New Elder Reception

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 12 Communion, Called Session Meeting,
Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
14 Session Meets
16 Brandon Youth Theater Rehearsal
19 New Elder Installation and Reception
23 Brandon Youth Theater Rehearsal
24-25 Session Retreat
Feb. 2 Souper Bowl of Caring, Youth Hot Dog Sale,
Flag Football at Colson Park
3 Committees Meet
4 Office Staff Meets
11 Session Meets
12 Wednesday Fellowship Luncheon
13 Brandon Youth Theater
20 Brandon Youth Theater
23 Transfiguration of the Lord, Communion
25 Fat Tuesday Youth Pancake Dinner
26 Ash Wednesday Service
27 Yard Sale Set-up
28-29 Yard Sale