



The Worship of God  
The Third Sunday of Christmas  
January 12, 2020

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lawrence Powers

Exchanging of the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Joanna Capps

The voice of our God and King is heard in blessing,  
as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

**We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the  
Mystery and Reality that is God's everlasting glory.**

The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds  
with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer.

**We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God's  
power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.**

We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the  
way we are welcomed into God's glorious presence.

**The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred  
spaces, and God's grace is received as we worship. Amen.**

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Invocation

Joanna Capps

\* Hymn of Praise No. 66

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God Be the Glory*

***The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word***

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lawrence Powers

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 trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

- \* Hymn of Devotion No. 492 IVERSON  
*Spirit of the Living God*

Worship in Stewardship  
Offertory Prayer Rev. Lawrence Powers  
Offertory Anthem Order My Steps (Burleigh, arr. Schrader) Chancel Choir  
Judy Warren, accompanist

Giving of Financial Resources  
\* *Doxology* 34 OLD 100TH

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17 (page 837) Rev. Lawrence Powers  
Sermon "Coming Up for Air" Rev. Lawrence Powers

***The Community Responds to God's Word***

- \* Hymn of Response No. 358 BEECHER  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Todd Johnson

\* We invite you to stand as you are able

Dear Benson Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the Christmas goodie basket you gave me! That was very nice of you to think of me, and I appreciate it! My parents brought it to me when they were in Illinois visiting. I am excited to be heading home for Christmas this next week. Thank again!

Sincerely, Ashley Spears

### **New Nursery Teacher**

The nursery committee decided that consistency is best for our youngest members. After much consideration, we are pleased to announce our new nursery teacher, Kate Crowe. She is currently a student at Campbell and is excited to work with Benson Baptist Church and its youngest generation. She is beginning today, January 12, 2020 and will work Sundays from 8:30 to 12:30 and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30. She is also available as needed for special services. Please stop in and welcome her.

### **Upcoming Events –Mark Your Calendars!**

Wednesday, January 15 – 6:00pm - Game Night with Hot Chocolate & desserts you provide

Tuesday, January 21 – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, January 22 – 6:00pm - Committee provided meal/Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, January 29 – 6:00 – 7:30pm - Floating Open House at the Parsonage

Wednesday, February 5 – 6:00pm - Relaunch of Wednesday nights – Committee provided meal

Wednesday, February 26 – BBC works at the Community Food Pantry

### **Fellowship Night, January 15**

Fellowship Night will be resuming this Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> with a Game Night including hot chocolate and desserts. The church will provide the hot chocolate. You bring desserts to share. “All are welcome: children, youth, young adults, slightly older adults, married, single, dating... really, EVERYONE!”

### **Fellowship Night, January 22**

The Kitchen & Family Night Committee will provide a meal. After the meal will be the Quarterly Church Conference.

### **Fellowship Night, January 29**

Floating Open House at the Parsonage from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Come fellowship with our new pastor and his family and also see how much the parsonage has been remodeled.

**SWEATER WEATHER WEDNESDAYS**

**JANUARY 15** Hot Chocolate & Games

**JANUARY 22** Church Conference

**JANUARY 29** Open House @the Parsonage

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM | DINNER PROVIDED!**

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## **Opportunities for Worship**

Sunday, January 12

8:45 A.M.	BBCelebrate Service (FH)
9:45 A.M.	UNIFY Gathering (FH)
10:00 A.M.	Sunday School
11:00 A.M.	Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 – 7:00 P.M.	Youth Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

6:00 P.M.	Game Night including hot chocolate and desserts you bring.
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Thursday, January 16

7:30 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
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Saturday, January 18

8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
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Sunday, January 19

8:45 A.M.	BBCelebrate Service (FH)
9:45 A.M.	UNIFY Gathering (FH)
10:00 A.M.	Sunday School
11:00 A.M.	Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 – 7:00 P.M.	Youth Meeting

USHERS FOR JANUARY: Gregg Bennett, Joe Dunn, Darren Tart, Larry Parker

OUTREACH JANUARY: Drucilla Adams & Judy Woodall

SOUND SYSTEM SCHEDULE:

January	12	Michael Adams
January	19	Braston Newton
January	26	Scott Asbill

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