

Sunday, January 17th

10:00 AM Reaffirmation of Baptism Sunday Worship Online

11:15 AM Staff Meeting in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 18th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Church Office & MCLC Closed All Day

Tuesday, January 19th
Pick up Bible Study Books at the
Church Office

9:30 AM MCLC Chapel

5:30 PM Finance Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, January 20th

8:00 AM Facebook Live Devotional with Communion

5:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the Sanctuary

Friday, January 22nd

<u>All</u> Articles & Photos Due for the February Church Newsletter!

Sunday, January 24th

10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service Online

4:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Study begins next Sunday!

You may pick up your Bible Study books beginning Tuesday, January 19th during Church Office hours. Please call in advance so Erin can have your book ready at the door. Before the first zoom meeting, read the Introduction and Chapter 1. "See" you next Sunday at 4:00 PM!

June Jenkins Women's Shelter !!!Bleach & Bleach Wipes Challenge!!!

June Jenkins is in desperate need of bleach and bleach wipes. We hope to give them 40 of each by the end of this month. Please leave your donation either in the back or the front of the Church Office doors during regular church office hours. Thank you!



Family & Friends of Ruby Gibson **Bridget Gates** (D. Penney)
The Son of Tammy Williams (R. Fowler) Samuel Lewis (S. Hill) Mary Lou Jantz (J. Lewis) Cross Thomason Family & Friends of James Boyd (J. Bailey) Frank Morales (J. Bailey) Angela Mallett (J. Schwarze) Chad Windborne (J. Schwarze) Merle West (J. Blankenship) Karen Wesley (B. & T. Hammerschmidt) Dana Morrow Nolan Stringfellow (M. Bailey) Jimmy Hooks Keith Woodard (M. Allen) Anna Wiggins Mary Ann Greer (S. Chavez) Johnny Cunningham (G. Bailey) John Nelson Erik Wilev (S. Jones) Gervis Bailev (K. Bailey) Brenda Cantrell (S. Slover) Judy Barbay (L. Schultz) Hannah Woodard (J. Schwarze) Cathy Lott (D. & V. Allen) Kavetha Wilson **N**eely Biggs (M. & P. Launey) Hurricane Recovery Efforts All Emergency Personnel The Military City of DeRidder State of Louisiana The United States of America Our World Our Enemies Our Church

Those Who Have Hurt Us



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP GEORGE ATKINS & WILLIAM MOORE

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit and claimed him as your child in whom you are well pleased.

Grant that all those who are baptized into his name, may we keep the covenant we have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY MUSIC BY GEORGE L. ELVEY USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #3026578

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory his army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day. Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with

prayer; where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song. To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be; they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

SUNG RESPONSE

Here I Am, Lord

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

HYMN OF FAITH

This Is the Spirit's entry Now

WORDS BY THOMAS E. HERBRANSON MUSIC BY CARL G. GLÄZER USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #3026578

- 1. This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word, the cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
- 2. Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day, to rise again by his design as followers of his way.
- 3. Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal power that washes us through all our days. Lord, cleanse again this hour.

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 3:11-17

SERMON "Spirit of God Come Down"

ANTHEM WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS
RUTH DUCK & B.F. WHITE
ARR. BY R.A. NELSON

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

HYMN OF REFLECTION MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE #452, v. 1 & 3

WORDS BY RAY PALMER MUSIC BY LOWELL MASON USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #3026578

- 1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

#672, V.1 Words by Jeremiah E. Rankin Music by William G. Tomer USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #3026578

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

> Postlude Partita Francois CRAIG A. PENFIELD