The Worship of God
Sunday, December 30, 2018

The Season of Christmastide – In the Fullness of Time

John Wesley said, "I have no time to hurry," but we do.... Martin Luther said, "I will be so busy today, I will not take one hour for prayer but three." Dr. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross wrote: "It's only when we truly know and understand that we have limited time on earth – and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up – that we will begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it was the only one we had." As we prepare for worship and a New Year, how do you need to see the gift of time differently?

Prelude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Matthew Manwarren
arr. J.S. Bach

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome and Time of Greeting Todd Wilson
This is Amazing Grace

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Coleman Patterson Family

Celebration of Baptism *Bob & Bridgett Gann* C. V. Blake

Congregational Call to Worship *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CH 682

Morning Prayer Todd Wilson

Songs of Our Worship *Jesus Messiah*
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name CH 43

God's Eternal Word for Us Today *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*
Ephesians 5:14-16 Mike Coffey
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Mackenzie Coffey

Offertory Matthew Manwarren
Christmas Prelude on Divinum Mysterium
arr. John Watkinson

Message in Song Todd Wilson

Message from God's Word Phil Christopher
Seizing the Moments...Making the Most of Time

Invitation *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* CH 591

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *This is Amazing Grace*

Postlude *Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella* Matthew Manwarren
arr. Keith Chapman

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano Matthew Manwarren, organ

The flowers today are given by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Chisholm, Jr. in celebration of their third wedding anniversary.