**The Worship of God**
**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

***Learning to Say "Thanks for Everything" – The Discipline of Gratitude***

***Max Lucado writes: "I will be grateful for the twenty-four hours that are before me. Time is a precious commodity. I refuse to allow what little time I have to be contaminated by self-pity, anxiety, or boredom. I will face this day with the joy of a child and the courage of a giant. I will drink each minute as though it is my last." I will make Thanksgiving and gratitude more than a day, but a way of life. No matter what happens this Thanksgiving, I will live it as if it was my last. I will not let anything rob me of gratitude. As you prepare for worship, how can you choose gratitude even in the midst of your struggles?***

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| **Prelude** | *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* | Celebration Orchestra |
| **Faces & Places of First Baptist Church** | | |
| **Welcome** | | Candy Rains |
| **Time of Greeting** | *Come, People of The Risen King* | |
| **Lighting of the Christ Candle** | | Candy Rains |
| **Celebration of Baptism** | *Seaver Griffin, Micaiah Lee, Claire & Callie O'Connell* | Phil Christopher |
| **Call to Worship** | *Every Praise* | |
| **Morning Prayer** | | Candy Rains |
| **Songs of Our Worship** | *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*<br>*New Doxology* | CH 90 |
| **God's Eternal Word for Us Today** | *I Thessalonians 5:16-18*<br>*Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.*<br>*Congregation: Thanks be to God.* | Linda Carleton |
| **Offertory Prayer** | | Rob Carleton |

**Commitment Card Sunday**
*As the offering is taken this morning, please place your 2019 commitment card in the plate.*

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| **Offertory** | *Psalm 136 (Give Him Thanks)* | Sanctuary Choir |
| **Message from God's Word** | | Phil Christopher |
| **Invitation** | *Change My Heart, O God* | CH 654 |
| **Continuing Acts of Worship** | | Mike Greenfield |
| **Recognition of Decisions** | | C. V. Blake |
| **Benediction** | *Every Praise* | |
| **Postlude** | *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* | Celebration Orchestra |

*Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano*

*The flowers today are given in honor of Mike and Nancy Patrick's 50th wedding anniversary.*