The Worship of God
Sunday, November 19, 2017

Thanksgiving and Gratitude – Pathways to Peace

A grateful heart finds countless blessings in the common and ordinary, which so many miss. Blessings are only loaned to us as gifts – family, children, work, health, home, possessions, and even life itself. Worship calls us to look to the source of every good gift. Great is God's faithfulness in all circumstances. As we prepare for worship, let us ask God for one more thing, to leave with a grateful and thankful heart, no matter what we face.

Prelude	*Overture of Praise*	Celebration Orchestra
Faces & Places of First Baptist		
Welcome		Cody Favor
Time of Greeting	*What a Beautiful Name*	
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Cody Favor
Congregational Call to Worship	*Give Thanks* *Thank You, Lord*	CH 170
Morning Prayer		Cody Favor
Family Dedication	*Mary Catherine Abrameit* *Andrew and Natalie Abrameit, parents*	Phil Christopher
Song of Worship	*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*	CH 324
God's Eternal Word for Us Today	*Philippians 4:4-7* *I Thessalonians 5:16-18* *Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.* *Congregation: Thanks be to God.*	Tom Martin
Offertory Prayer		Susan Martin
Offertory	*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*	Sanctuary Choir
Message from God's Word	*Giving Thanks is a Choice*	Phil Christopher
Invitation	*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*	CH 602
Continuing Acts of Worship		Mike Greenfield
Recognition of Decisions		C.V. Blake
Benediction	*The Lord's Prayer*	CH 631
Postlude	*Overture of Praise*	Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

The flowers today are given by Natalie Marable for the dedication of Mary Catherine Abrameit, granddaughter of Phil & Mary Christopher.