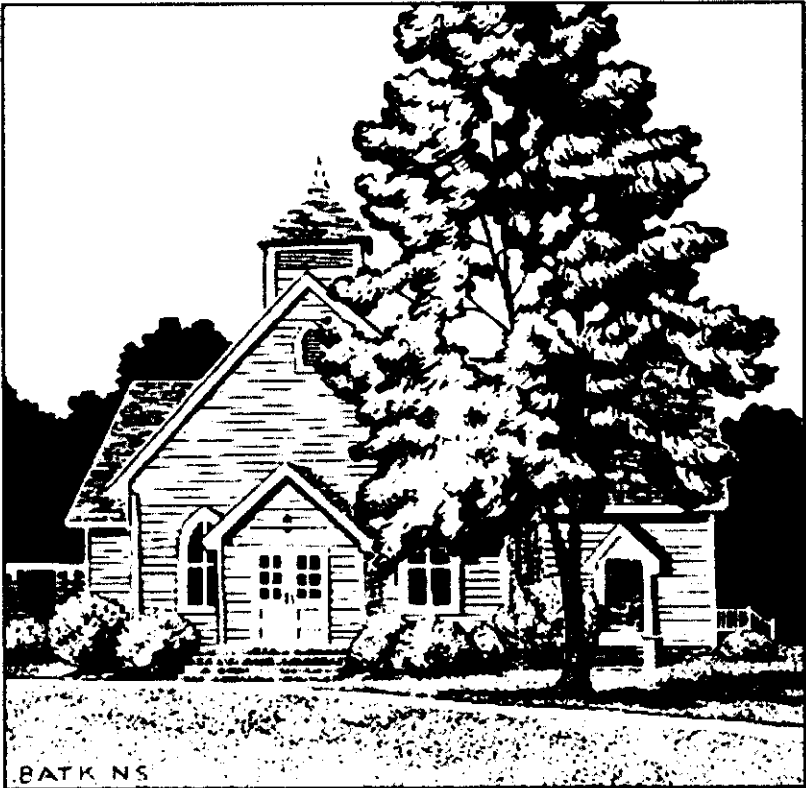




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# **Sunday, November 17, 2024**

## **Stewardship Series: Gifts of Love**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**PRELUDE** Melody Raef

**WELCOME** Ed Batkins

**INTROIT** Sanctuary

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 16

Leader: Let us say to the LORD,

"You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

**People: The LORD is our chosen portion and our cup; God give us all.**

Leader: Let us bless the LORD, who gives us counsel.

**People: For God shows us the path of life.**

**In God's presence there is fullness of joy!**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** #341 Blessed Assurance

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from the Presbyterian Outlook

**Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are.**

**We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*◇RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 Gloria Patri

**\*◇PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Ashley Renee Gibson  
Bentley Lane Gibson  
Anna Leigh Weaver

**Words of Institution**

...There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

**Introduction to the Meaning of Baptism**

**Presentation**

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ashley, Anna, and Bentley by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We will.**

**Profession of Faith**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Baptism**

**Welcome**

**COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**◇LESSON** Mark 13:1-8; Pew Bible p. 825-826

**ANTHEM** Gratitude

**SERMON** "A Community of Love" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** #85 What Wondrous Love Is This

**◇PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*◇RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

#592 Doxology

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING**

#280 Amazing Grace

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Melody Raef

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**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Crystal Varner Parker
Administrative Assistant	Kristel Lamp
Organist & Choir Director	Melody Raef
Sunshine Nursery School Director	Cathy Davis
Church Treasurer	Paul Robinson

**THE SESSION 2024**

Ruth Hopke	Clerk of Session (2024)
Pete Adamson	Administration (2024-2026)
Jamie Gray	Administration (2022-2024)
Ayars Lore	Administration (2022-2024)
Nathan Richards	Administration (2023-2025)
Paul Davis	Christian Life (2023-2025)
Patricia Robinson	Christian Life (2024-2026)
Mary-Catherine Sheridan	Christian Life (2024-2026)
Davis Gammon	Community & Mission (2024-2026)
Jo White	Community & Mission (2022-2024)

*If you are new to PFPC or new to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), welcome! We are truly glad that you are here.*

*We have worship guides located in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Please feel free to grab one and use it to understand the different parts of worship or to follow along with liturgy not printed in the bulletin.*

*These portions are indicated with this symbol: ◇*