



January 16, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

10:30 a.m.

## Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

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Please note that this service is being livestreamed on our website and Facebook page, and the recording will be posted to our [YouTube](#) channel.

### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

*\*Let those who are able stand at this sign.*

#### THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" (BWV 633)

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### THE INTROIT

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

Liebster Jesu/Johann Rudolph Ahle

*Your command is clear and plain, and we would obey it duly:*

*"You must all be born again, heart and life renewing truly,  
Born of water and the Spirit, and my kingdom this inherit."*

- Benjamin Schmolck

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All **The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

One The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

All **And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

One Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

All **Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 163**

*"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"*

*Aberystwyth/ Joseph Parry  
Carl P. Daw, Jr.*

**Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,  
calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:**

**"Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.  
Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's control."**

**"Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.  
Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.  
Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing floor:  
then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill God's store."**

**With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near,  
and his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.  
So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,  
till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.**

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**\*THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from one another.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another.**

**We allow the past to hold us captive.**

**In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.  
Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life,  
and live together in grace.**

**\*THE SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 581**

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

*Gloria Patri/Henry W. Greatorex  
Trad. Liturgical Text*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

**THE WORDS OF WELCOME**

The Greetings Among the People of God  
The Concerns of the Church

**WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE**

**THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

## THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth -  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalms 29

One Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
**All Ascribe to the LORD the glory that is due the holy name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**  
One The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.  
**All The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**  
One The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
**All the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**  
One The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
**All The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.**  
One And in the temple of the LORD all are crying,  
**All "Glory!"**  
One The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as Sovereign forevermore.  
**All The LORD shall give strength to the chosen people;  
the LORD shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

## THE ANTHEM

"God Anointed Jesus of Nazareth"

Claude Means

*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power;  
He received from God the Father honor and glory,  
when there came such a voice from the excellent glory, 'This is my beloved son.'  
God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,  
preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.  
For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## THE SERMON

"Connection"

Kevin Scott Fleming

## WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

#### \*THE HYMN . . . no. 490

*Beach Spring/The Sacred Harp, 1844*

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Ruth Duck

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.  
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

**Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, paraking cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares,  
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!**

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## THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The Sentences of Scripture

The Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

One Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

One Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All **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 to the dead.  
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.**

One Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All **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.**

The Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Aspersion

The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

#### THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

*You may send a check to the church office, or give online at <http://firstpreveansville.com/giving/>*

The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Old Hundredth*

*Thomas Ken*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Prayer of Dedication

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Spoken Prayers

One Mothering Spirit,

All **stir us with your power.**

The Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE DISPERSE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

### **\*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 493**

"Now There Is No Male or Female"

*Omni Die (Trier)/Gesangbuch, 1695*

Lynette Miller

Now there is no male or female; now there is no free or slave;  
Now there is no Jew or Gentile in the earth Christ died to save.  
Christ has set us free for freedom: we no more sing slavery's creed;  
Old submissions cannot claim us; Christ has set us free indeed.

Crucified with Christ the Savior, baptized in his holy death,  
And as Christ was raised to glory we have new live on this earth.  
Power of water and God's naming, turning us from dark to light,  
Join us us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.

Death has no dominion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;  
Life's own waters now have marked us, born to God this very hour.  
From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive in Christ,  
Born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.

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### **\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **\*THE RESPONSE**

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

*Liebster Jesu/Johann Rudolph Ahle*

*Gracious Head, your member own; Shepherd, take your lamb and feed it;  
Prince of Peace, make here your throne; Way of life, to heaven lead it;  
Precious Vine, let nothing sever from your side this branch forever.*

- Benjamin Schmolck

### **\*THE POSTLUDE**

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" (BWV 731)

Johann Sebastian Bach

### **Leading worship this morning:**

Pastor                      Rev. Kevin Scott Fleming  
Liturgist                  Barbara Josenhans  
Director of Music      Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

First Pres is grateful to be able to continue **in-person worship**. If you're joining us in-person, please wear a mask, use sanitizer, and maintain social distancing. We ask everyone to wear masks so that those who are unable to be vaccinated are protected while we are together.

The **annual meeting of the congregation** will take place today, **January 16, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service**. The meeting will also be available on the church website. We will elect new elders, deacons, and trustees, as well as elect at-large members of the Congregation's Nominating Committee for 2022. Additionally, we will approve proposed changes to the terms of the Pastor's compensation.

All are welcome to add to the beauty of our Sunday worship by providing **flowers** to be displayed at that day's service. They may be fresh flowers or silk/faux arrangements, and can be ordered by the donor or the church office. To see a list of available dates and choose one to provide flowers for, fill out this [online form](#), or call the church office. Thank you!

### Weekly Calendar

*Elders of the Week: Sue Hartig and Gerald Summers*

#### **Sunday, January 16**

*Daily Reading: Psalm 104*

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Bible Bunch (online)
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

#### **Monday, January 17**

*Daily Reading: Mark 1:1-13*

#### **Tuesday, January 18**

*Daily Reading: Mark 1:14-28*

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teen Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Handbells and Handchimes
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

#### **Wednesday, January 19**

*Daily Reading: Mark 1:29-45*

#### **Thursday, January 20**

*Daily Reading: Mark 2:1-12*

- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, January 21**

*Daily Reading: Mark 2:13-22*

#### **Saturday, January 22**

*Daily Reading: Mark 2:23-3:6*



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