

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1817

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation

Order of Worship

10 January 2021

Baptism of the Lord

Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit.

Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 100

Ascribe to God all glory and strength.

We will ascribe to God the glory of God's name.

Jesus is baptized and proclaimed "beloved,"
chosen for ministry that will direct his life.

**Christian ministry begins with baptism,
which marks believers as God's chosen people.**

Then let our hearts be joined in praise for God's redeeming love through the waters of baptism.
Together let us pray.

**You speak, O God, and the oceans tremble;
their waters crest in waves that dash upon the shore.**

**You speak and the heavens open;
thunder signals the rains that freshen the earth.**

You breathe and the trees of the forest bow to your majesty.

You speak and the Spirit descends on your people.

We ascribe to you all glory as we worship your name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God!

Hymn 164

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Dunstan/Horman

Capo 3: (A9) (D/A) (A9) (Dsus)(D)
 C9 F/C C9 Fsus F

1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.

(A9) (D/A) (G) (F#m)
 C9 F/C Bb Am

from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm) (F#m) (Gmaj7) (F#m7) (Em) (A/C#)(Bsus)(Bm)
 Dm Am Bbmaj7 Am7 Gm C/E Dsus Dm

He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (Asus)(A7) (D)
 Bb F/A Gm7 Bb/C Csus C7. F

but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

Prayer of Confession

We come as your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sin. You send forth your Spirit, yet we do not respond to your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status. Christ calls us to follow, yet we disobey his commandment. Evidence of your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in your love uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of repentance. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” **Matthew 22:37-39**

Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

There is Something in This Water

Rev. Edward Bellis

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem

The Baptism of Jesus

Fred Pratt Green/Irish tune
arranged by Austin C. Lovelace

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

This service will continue at 11:30am over Zoom (online) with the Service of Ordination and/or Installation.

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Margaret Cooper, Beth Foley, Charles Francis, Mildred Moore Lopez, Pat K. Rowlett

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