



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

First Sunday after Epiphany

## **ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP**

The opening verses of the Bible is a baptism of the earth by creation. The importance of the first light is not that it overcame the darkness. The power of the light is its source. In the beginning was God.

The opening verse of the good news of Jesus Christ is the baptism of Our Lord by John. The importance of these waters is a new creation. The power of this acceptance is we have done nothing to earn it. The source of all life and love is the knowledge of God. From our very beginning we have been claimed as Christ's own forever.

# Gathered As God's People

Prelude

*Jesu, meine Freude BWV 610*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Jeff Baxter

In the beginning with God  
there was water and Spirit.

**God imagined the earth and the heavens  
and said, 'I am well pleased.'**

In the beginning with God  
there was breath and creation.

**God said 'Let there be light'  
and God was well pleased.**

In the beginning with God  
there was day and night.

**God separated the light from the darkness  
and said, "This is my Beloved, in whom I am well pleased."**

Opening Hymn #484 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

C. Hubert H. Parry

*Out of deep, unordered water  
God created light and land,  
world of bird and beast and, later,  
in God's image, woman, man.  
There is water in the river  
bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
there is water in the font.*

*Water on the human forehead,  
birthmark of the love of God,  
is the sign of death and rising;  
through the seas there runs a road.  
There is water in the river  
bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
there is water in the font.*

*Standing round the font reminds us  
of the Hebrews' climb ashore.  
Life is hallowed by the knowledge  
God has been this way before.  
There is water in the river  
bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
there is water in the font.*

Prayer of Confession

**God of all glory, You look from heaven  
and see us for who we are:**

**not worthy of giving You praise,  
not ready to follow in Your way,  
not willing to hear and accept truth,  
unable to temper our chaos.**

**Forgive us, God of creative intervention.**

**In Christ, bend down to save us,**

**loosen the restraints of our sin,**

**and empower our lives to freely love and serve You. (Silent prayer)**

Assurance

The Peace of Christ be with You.

**And also with you.**

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Gen 1:1-5

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Interlude

*Pastorella BWV 590b*

J.S. Bach

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:9-11

Sermon

God Speaks

Rev. Len Carrell

## **Responding To God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day  
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion  
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem

*Pastorella BWV 590c*

J.S. Bach

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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**

Closing Hymn #482

*Baptized in Water*

Gaelic melody

*Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
heirs of salvation,  
trusting the promise,  
faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
born of the Spirit,  
we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

Benediction

Postlude

*Allegro maestoso e vivace from Op. 65 No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn

### **Congregational Meeting January 24, 2021**

The purpose of this called meeting is to elect 2021 all Church Nominating Committee:

Sue Brinkley, James Fleming, Megan Hill, Tonjia Potts (chair, elder), Jim Ross (elder),  
Sharon Shaw (deacon) and James Sloan.

This vote will take place by email through Survey Monkey



### Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated

the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



### Mark 1:8-11

I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart

and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

We continue to pray for all of you, and are keeping you lifted in grace and love during this time. As always, we want to be a pastoral presence in your life. If there is anything we can do for you, we would like to know, if there are ways we can pray for you, or if someone you know needs the prayers of the church, please reach out to us.

### Care List

The ***Care list*** is a list of members and friends who are sick, bereaved, or celebrating a happy occasion. After reading their names, you may want to write a short message to someone on the list.

Our Prayers...

Bill Fleming, Greg Baxter, Douglas Lee (brother of Dianne Messick), Barbara Butler (sister of Mary McClanahan), Lynn Carroll (father of Margaret Piper), Ben Chiles (son of John and Sue Chiles), Sue Chiles, Joe Graham III, Will Green, Waymon Hickman, Cathy Krenz (sister of Mary McClanahan), Tom Lewis, Martha Matthews, Steve and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Richard and Debbie Welch (our missionaries in Guatemala), Cindy West (sister-in-law of Jennie Grace Jewell).

### On-Line Sunday School

Chapel Class                      Sundays at 9:30 AM-Virtually

Fellowship Class                Sundays at 9:00 AM-Virtually

# Ministers of the Church

## Ruling Elders

### Class of 2021

Jean Mac Ball

Jeff Baxter

Pat Bridges

Don Crichton

Tonjia Potts

### Class of 2022

Jack Baxter

Gloria Dale

Martha Jones

Lee Maddox

Julia West

### Class of 2023

Dorothy Duncan

Dan Garman

Michael McAlister

Jim Ross

Dawn Taylor

## Board of Deacons

### Class of 2021

Julie Crichton

Joe Graham III

Jenny Johns

Janet McAlister

Larry Nickell

### Class of 2022

Erin Hedrick

Raven Martin

Kristi Martin

Alan Phillips

Jenny Sloan

### Class of 2023

Janice English

Houston Jameson

Zack Maddux

Sharon Shaw

## Staff

Susie Baxter, Director of Christian Education; Rev. Len Carrell, Pastor;  
Renea Foster, Administrative Assistant; Carroll Kilgore, Business Administrator;  
James Marshall, Sexton; Dale Nickell, Director of Music Ministry