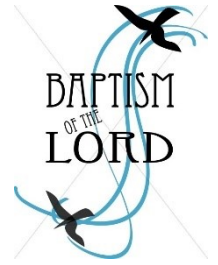




Sunday, January 10, 2021 Service Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord



PRELUDE *"Berceuse"* - Paxton

INTROIT *"Holy Ground"* Fred Whitley and George Wheat, Duet Janis Wheat, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended, *Mark 1:10–11*
and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.
As we join in worship this day,
May we be reminded that we too are God's beloved.

OPENING HYMN *"For The Beauty of the Earth"* #14 Verses 1, 2 and 4

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

As we enter into this time of prayer,
**Let us put away the pressures of the world that ask us
to perform, to take up masks, and to put on brave fronts.**

We are invited to silence the voices that ask us to be perfect.
This is a community of compassion and welcoming.
**We bring all that we are and all that we yet can be,
to this safe and holy space. Awareness.**
The Spirit of Creativity is all around us.
We are grateful for the possibility of being ever more aware, human and alive.

Our world touches us in so many ways.
**May we consider all that is - the beautiful,
and that which we don't want to read of and think about.**

May the joys and the concerns of this present day
move and jolt us to our greater selves and our greater thoughts. Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear, says the Lord,
for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

Isa. 43:1, 19

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

CHILDRENS TIME – Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “Hallelujah” - Cohen Hannah Struse, Piano; Hope Struse, Cello

SCRIPTURE – The Psalms

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live^[a]
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear
him.

¹⁴ For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting
to everlasting

on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.

²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Brad Munroe

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMS

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Hear these words from holy scripture:

Just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many,
are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Profession Of Faith

Following an introduction, please respond as follows:

Beloved people of God...

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

The Apostles' Creed (unison)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***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.***

Thanksgiving Over the Waters

Touching the Waters

*You are invited to touch the water in the bowl before you as a sign of remembering your
baptism.*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 “Baptized in Water“ #482

*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

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shine Jesus Shine” #192

Shine Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

POSTLUDE “Proclaim the News!” - Lewis

PARTICIPANTS:

Rev. Brad Munroe – Guest Preacher

Elder Fred Whitley and Joy Church – Worship Leaders

Hannah Struse and Hope Struse – Special Music

Elder Richard Carter – Children’s Time

Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ

Elder Paul Hay – Video-Tech

Elder Judy Mayhew – Photo

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR *Happens at 11:15 a.m.*

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