

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast ~ Liturgist: Thomas Boyanton

PRELUDE: “*Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*” - J. Sebastian Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: **As Christians we are baptized in Christ’s name.**

People: **Through Christ the Holy Spirit dwells within us.**

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***PRAISE CHORUS:** Hymn No. 664 “*Morning Has Broken*” – vs. 1 BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Almighty God, we come today to praise Your name. It is with awe at the majesty of Your creation that we dare approach You with adoration on our lips. We sing to Your glory, O God most high. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 143 “*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*” REGENT SQUARE

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, who knows our hearts, know our desire to follow You. Look past our sins to our hopes and dreams. See within each of us the longing to do what is right in Your sight, too often pushed aside by the noise and activity of the secular world. Forgive us when we fail You and lead us on Your road always. (Say – “**Please pray silently,**” and after about **20 seconds, say, Amen**) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE:

Hymn No. 743 *“O God, You are My God (Step by Step)”* vs. 1 STEP BY STEP
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You’ll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

You may be seated

A TIME FOR YOUTH and at this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Open our minds to the meaning of Your word for our world. Keep us focused and use our creativity and love to further Your work in this world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 29 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in His temple all say, “Glory!”

People: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to His people!

People: May the Lord bless His people with peace!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Genesis 1:1-5 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 1 of the Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-5

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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.

³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 1:4-11 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 34-35 of the New Testament

Mark 1:4-11

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⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 14 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* DIX

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father” **GLORIA PATRI**

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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY: *“O Morning Star”* - WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, arr. Franklin Ritter

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, we thank You for the world You have provided for us. It is You who has given us good things, food, shelter, clean water, and beauty. Help us to appreciate all that You have done and all that You are. In Christ’s name, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 24 "*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*" HOLY MANNA

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" vs. 1 I'M GONNA LIVE
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

"To God All Praise and Glory" - MIT FREUDEN ZART, arr. Rodger C. Wilson

***Those who are able may stand.**

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Today's flowers and refreshments are donated by Joan Christy
in celebration of the lives of Jary Christy and Irene McNeil
and the birthdays of Mike Keffer and Lori Gast

*Please join us for Refreshments
Following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

Supplement

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POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

If you bought poinsettias please take your plant(s) home.

Pat Nash

Faith in Action Committee

PUT AWAY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We need everyone's help to get the Christmas decorations put away, and get the sanctuary back to "normal." We will be taking down the decorations on Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. The more people we have to help, the quicker we can get it done.

Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:00 AM FIA Meeting

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

SATURDAY

10:00 AM Take down Christmas decorations

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service with installation of new Ruling Elders

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Sue Fitch

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Continued prayers for Bryson

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry

Joan's sister Marj has been put into hospice

Martha's sister-in-law passed away, prayers for her husband John

Anne Bowman's son, Brian, passed away, prayers for her and her family

God be with Braydon as he decides which college to attend

Russell had to have his gall bladder removed

Jennifer Swan had surgery and it didn't go well

CELEBRATIONS

Makia's nephew Marvin was here visiting