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Service for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

“Voluntary”

Selby

Call to Worship

Isaiah 42:6, 7, 9

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

***I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations.***

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;

Before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

* Hymn 126 (**Sing**)

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

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 **sisters** and brothers in Christ.***

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

We allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism

so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 (NT, p. 129)

Psalter: Psalm 29 (**Sing 127**)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing”

Shaw

Second Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 (NT, p. 3)

Sermon: “The Right Thing to Do”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 238 (**Sing**)

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

* Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows (Sing, p. 240)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Orison”

Wagner

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 274 (**Sing**)

“If You and I Believe in Christ”

* Charge and Benediction

Following today's worship service, please take the green Sing songbook to the narthex. You are also welcome to take one home.

* Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

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- * All who are able shall stand.
- PH Presbyterian Hymnal
- Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God in celebration of the New Year by Dana Miller.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Directory of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Dave Comly



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."