

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "When Jesus Came to Jordan to be Baptized by John"
arr. Cherwein

Call to Worship *Ps. 29; Luke 3:21-22*

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*Hymn 482 "Baptized in Water"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

***in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ,
promising forgiveness and new life.***

But we fail to live as forgiven people.

We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.

We allow our past to hold us hostage

and are reluctant to welcome a new start.

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

Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism

so that we may live as your people,

claimed in the waters of promise.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Hymnal 137)

He came down that we may have love . . . hallelujah forevermore!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5 (OT, p. 1)

Psalter: Psalm 29 (Hymn 10)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Mark 1:4-13 (NT, p. 34)

Sermon: "Among the Wild Beasts"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 463 "How Firm a Foundation"

Offering

Offertory "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" arr. Christiansen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Hymnal, pp. 8-12)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

* Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows (Hymnal, p. 21)

* Benediction

* Postlude "Out of Deep, Unordered Waters" arr. Callahan

All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.

If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator for Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Tabbi Miller-Scandle
Ushers	Gayle Hamilton, Sara Ann Hosier

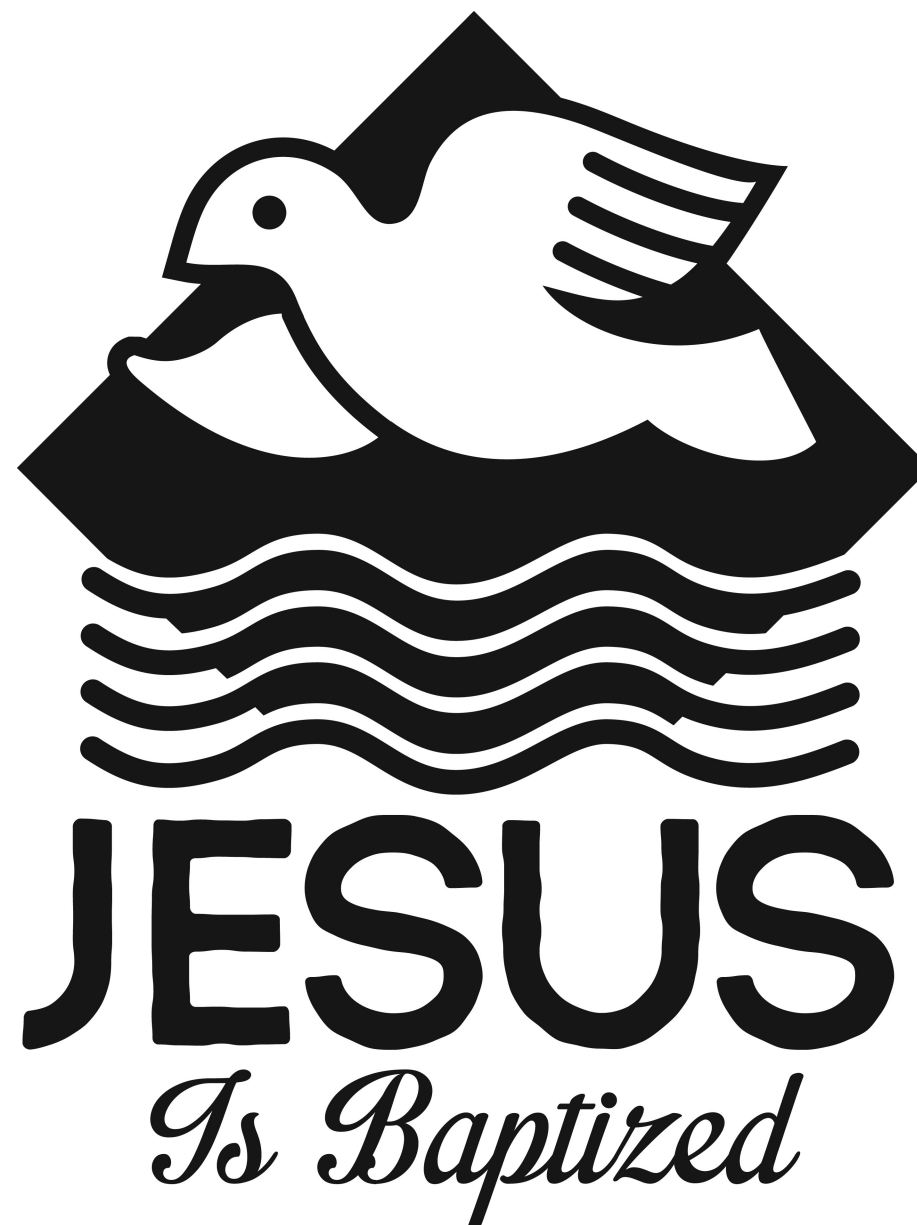


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Genesis 1:1-5

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 1:4-13

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He 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. 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." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.