

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Call to Worship

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

and in the temple, God's people say: Glory!

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

and a voice sounded: "This is my Beloved Son!"

Hymn 11

"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

1 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed:

Refrain: May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.

2 Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I am: **(Refrain)**

3 Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire: **(Refrain)**

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 one another.**

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

We allow the past to hold us captive.

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

Fulfill the promises of our baptism

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

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.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Psalter: Psalm 29 (Hymnal 10)

- 1 Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A Time with Children

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:9-17

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Sermon: "Glad I Didn't Baptize a Lot of You"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 485

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Sentences of 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

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 renounce them.

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.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles 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.***

Offering
Offertory

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

arr. Dale Wood

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 484

"Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

arr. Lana Kelley

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Liturgist	Katie Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck

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Sunday coffee hour after worship, virtual edition, is back. Join us on ZOOM following Sunday's service.

The Session will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM.

During this time of national turmoil, please pray for our nation. On Thursday of this past week, Rev. Carter, Myrna Diven, Brent Eelman and Frank Jones recorded a Service of Prayer, Scripture and Song. You are invited to view and participate in it on You-Tube or Facebook.

Wednesday evening Bible study continues on January 13, at 7:00 pm. Join in as Rev. Carter presents "*Wintering in Corinth*", to coincide with his winter sermon series. [Join with Zoom](#)

CAMP LACKAWANNA INFORMATION

Summer Camp 2021 Registration is open! Head on over to camplackawanna.org to see what programs we are offering this summer and sign your children up for camp! Family Camp registration is also open! If you have any questions please email camplackawanna.director@gmail.com.

DATES	CAMP	AGE GROUP
June 24-27	Family Camp	All Ages
June 28-30	Mini Camp	Ages 6-10
July 4-10	Wet n' Wild	Ages 7-16
July 11-17	Music, Arts and Drama	Ages 7-16
July 11-24	JH/SR 2-week	Completed grades 6-11
July 18-24	Adventure Camp	Completed grades 6-10
July 25-31	Night Owls	Completed grades 3-10
August 1-7	Camp Olympics	Ages 7-16

Tips for These Days

- There is normally a link to the worship broadcast on **the church's Facebook page**. **Please note:** the video takes a while to process after the live broadcast, so if you sign on late and can't find the video right away, try again on that page by mid-afternoon. Thanks for your patience.
- Check our church's **website** regularly for updates. Here is the link: <http://fpccs.org/>
- The **worship bulletin** for every Sunday is also available on the **church website**. We will include lyrics to the hymns so you can sing along at home.
- We have set up **a prayer request link** which resembles our weekly prayer cards. Send along your prayer requests and we will try to include them in our Sunday services.
- Thank you for your **strong financial support!** Here is the link **to contribute online**. You are also invited to drop off your contributions at the church office during working hours or send them to 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. We appreciate your generosity, especially in this difficult time for everybody.

- **Our building is bustling -- one person at a time!** Feel free to read a book or check out a DVD from our church library, pray or play the piano in the sanctuary, or have a free cup of coffee with the pastor (who will keep six feet away). No groups, please, but Masked Individuals are welcome in limited numbers whenever the building is open. **Stir-Crazy People** are especially invited.
- **Nancy Wants You To Know:** 2021 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the main hallway.

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