

The Service for the Lord's Day



January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord Sunday



First Presbyterian Church
of Royal Oak

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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

We warmly welcome all who are worshipping with us today. Children are always welcome in worship! For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers.

Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service. For directions to classrooms, please ask an usher or see the sign in the lobby.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE:

(9:00 am)

“Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came”

Dieterich Buxtehude

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(10:30 am)

Dance Prelude on the Hymn-tune *Dix*”

Jeffrey Honoré

~Jubilate Bells

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

One: The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

All: And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

One: Give to the Lord majesty and strength.

All: Let us worship God with thanks.

***HYMN: #128**

“Spirit, Working in Creation”

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Even as we are claimed by God, we still sin. And so we trust in God’s grace and forgiveness, which flows as freely as a river. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is inconsistent. We follow goals that promise perfection, instead of listening to your leading. We seek a way that makes us happy, even if that means we do not heed your call. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Hear our prayers,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, hear the good news: God forgives our sins! We are saved from sin by the grace of Jesus Christ. We are saved in order to serve.

All: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #734

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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: O Lord, by the power of your Spirit, lift us up into your presence to hear the promise of your word and know the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 29”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Austrian Hymn*, #598 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

***“All on earth and all in heaven raise to God a song on high;
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded, God alone we glorify.
At God’s voice the clouds assemble, thunder roars and torrents fall;
Earth shall quake before God’s presence, mountains tremble at God’s call.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 29 ©1999 Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 3:15-22

Pew Bible, NT pg.61

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM**

“Carol of the Baptism”

George Brandon

~Chancel Choir

“I come, the great Redeemer cries, to do Thy will, O Lord! At Jordan’s flood behold! He seals the sure prophetic word. Thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness, he said, then, faithful to the Lord’s commands, through Jordan’s stream was led. Hark, a glad voice! The father speaks from heaven’s exalted height; This is my Son, my well beloved, in whom I do delight. Jesus the Savior, well beloved! His name we will profess, like him, desirous to fulfill God’s will in righteousness. No more we’ll count ourselves our own but his in bonds of love. Oh, may such bonds forever draw our souls to things above.”

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SERMON

“Great Questions, and a Six-Word Story”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD**REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM*****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Based on the Apostles’ Creed**

In the beginning, God—Father, Word and Spirit—called this world into being out of nothing, and gave it shape and order. We say together what we believe:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe that God made the world, the sky, the stars, the animals, and all the people in the world.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

I believe that God’s Son, Jesus, came into the world from heaven. That’s what we remember on Christmas.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to hell.

I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, for all the wrong things I do.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

But three days after he died, he came alive again.

He ascended to heaven.

He went into heaven, and now he is with his heavenly Father again.

He is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

I believe that someday he is going to come back to the world and I will see him.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is God—present among us and with us.

I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints.

I believe that God loves the people in the worldwide church and that I am called to love them too.

I believe in the forgiveness of sins.

I believe that God forgives me so that I can turn away from sin to share love and gratitude.

I believe in the resurrection of the body.

I believe that I will live with God forever.

And the life everlasting.

We love you, God, because you loved us first!

ASPERSION — *Remember your baptism and give thanks.*

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“My Son, the Beloved”

David Blackwell

~Dawson Trotman

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And as he came out of the water, he saw the heavens, 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 am I well pleased.” “My Son, the Beloved.”

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***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN: #679**

“Baptized in Water”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

“Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came”

J.S. Bach

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Gail and Phil Meengs in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, which occurred on September 12, 2020.

Children's Library & Play Space

Through the generous mission grant, FPCRO will install a new children's library space in the church to welcome the public to a safe and nurturing area throughout the week. If you would like to be involved in the team planning this space, please contact Pastor Emma, enickel@fpcro.org or call the church office.

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday at FPCRO

On **January 23**, join us for worship at **9 am or 11 am** in the sanctuary at FPCRO for a service led by S.T.A.G.E. youth from the four partner congregations. The students are writing all the liturgy, will offer the music, and deliver the sermon. We're looking forward to an opportunity to welcome all the churches together in worship. The services at 9 am and 11 am will be identical.

When you come for worship, be ready to order your Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches as part of STAGE's fundraiser. See the additional below for more info on Subs!

Sub Sandwiches Fundraiser: Buy a Sub for the Big Game!

S.T.A.G.E. youth will be making delicious, fresh sub sandwiches for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13. The cost is \$9 for a 6-inch sub. Add a bag of chips for just \$1 to your order.

Italian (ham & salami) or Turkey subs are available. Or, order a Three-Meat sub for a small additional charge. **Pre-orders will be accepted January 23 through February 2.** To order in person, attend S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak on Sunday, January 23. Orders will be taken by the youth between the 9 am and 11 am services. (Payments that day can be made via cash, check, PayPal & Venmo). Online orders (paid via PayPal and Venmo) will also be available starting January 23. **All subs will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 13, from 11 am-1 pm at FPCRO.** Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips. Thank you for your support!
