

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Johann Walther

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All who thirst, come to the water
Many: and drink deeply of these living streams.
One: Come, all who are weary;
Many: come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
One: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.
All: Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

SONG # 482 *Baptized in Water*

*Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Can you imagine a God who would rather forgive us than punish us, who calls us 'my delight,' rather than chiding us for being so foolish and wayward? This is why Jesus came, so we might know of God's tender mercy toward us. Let us confess our lives to the One who fills us with hope, as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of 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 newness. 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. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

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."

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Cleansed, Beloved and Made Whole

Rev. Lance Perry

SONG *Oceans*

Hillsong

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In a wild whisper you spoke to chaos, God of the waters of life, and your Spirit raced forth, playing tag with the Word, mountains shook with thunder, whales whispered in the oceans, hawks floated lazily in the skies, and kittens chased butterflies in fields.

You created us from the dusty earth, placing us in your garden on wonders so we might delight in you, and in each other. But we wandered away from you, as sin and death took us by the hand, teaching us to do all that is wrong. Prophets came in every age to testify about your hopes, but we did not want to be set free from our captivity.

So Jesus was sent, your future coming over the horizon to us to be baptized as your Beloved. As we remember our baptism into the life and death of Jesus, we speak of our faith as a mystery:

Christ came, to show us God's love; Christ was baptized, inviting us into the waters of life; Christ died, to fulfill all righteousness; Christ was raised, to set us free from death; Christ will come to take us by the hand and never let go.

With those who bend but do not break, with those who long to do what is right, we join in prayer in the manner Jesus taught us as we pray...

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.

HYMN # 475

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

BENEDICTION

One: Baptized, let us go to live in faith.
Many: **We will bring healing to the broken and offer God's joy to those who grieve.**
One: Baptized, let us go to serve.
Many: **At the side of Jesus, we will serve the hungry, we will give shelter to the homeless.**
One: Baptized, let us go to be a voice.
Many: **We will echo the Spirit of calling for peace, we will never stop speaking against injustice.**

One: Baptized, let us go to do what is right.
All: **Finding you, God in Community, Holy in One, waiting for us
to join you beside all your Beloved children.**

POSTLUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Gilbert Martin

Thank you to Mona Dowell, Patty Pace, Dave Smith, and Eddie Adams for providing the music and technical support for our worship video.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

Jack Boyd, who broke his fibula during a skateboarding accident
Iris Morris, in ICU at REX
Joel, nephew to Jean and Dave Smith, recovering from back surgery

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay	Rachel Williams	Sandra Richbourg
Charolette Brown	Libby Morton	Dick Grassi
Dan Grassi	Aleta Wheeler	Barbara Settlemyre
Inez Ruchte	Jeane Nagel	Joe Moody
Donna Nichols	Andrew Scharfe	Dave Smith

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet
Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev
Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner,
& niece Eloise Lindsay
Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend
Paul Hutter & family
Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne
Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois
Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son
Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.