

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

"Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen." From the baptism liturgy in The Book of Common Worship

Today's Prayer of
Confession is
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Bunessan"

arr. John Purifoy

Baptised 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"Lamb of God"

Paul Vasile, 2008

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us, O grant us your peace.

Opening Sentences

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

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Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

All: May we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ, that we may share God's love and life.

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn #482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Spirit and fire: baptized, we have not done a good job as your people. We are drawn to the shadows of sin, hoping you will not see our foolishness. We fall into the arms of temptation, letting it spin us until we are out of control. We selfishly cling to your hope and grace, convinced that others will misuse these gifts. Forgive us, merciful God. Touch us with your Spirit, so we may be restored to new life. Touch us with your grace, so we may offer forgiveness to all people. Touch us with your peace, so we might be healers to our world. We pray this in the name of the one who went into the waters of baptism to cleanse us of sin, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, our Lord and Savior. Lord, hear our prayers . . . (A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

"O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace."
Hymn #555, "O Lamb of God"

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Leader: We expect the fire of judgment,
All: but are given the Spirit of grace.
Leader: We expect God to yell at us,
All: but we are called by a new name.
Leader: We expect God to stay angry,

All: but we are handed the dove of peace.

Leader: This is the good news for us!

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

atri Glory Be to the Father
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, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

God, by whose Word all things are, as water splashed across our face awakens us in the morn, may your Word awaken us to your presence. Wash us in your wisdom, bathe us in your goodness, refresh us with your grace, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 6:1-11

Elder Greg Maready

Gospel Lesson

John 1:19-34

Sermon

"Agnus Dei"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer



1 Corinthians 12:13

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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"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." "Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed."

1 Corinthians 5:7

Offertory

"You Are My All in All"

arr. Lloyd Larson

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name, You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick my up;
And when I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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



The Affirmation of Faith: From "A Brief Statement of Faith" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth. praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Revelation 5:13

*Hymn #518

"Your Only Son" (Lamb of God)

LAMB OF GOD

*Benediction

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.





Sunday, January 9	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
•	9:30 am Alternative Sunday School Class, in
	Person (Room 304) & Zoom
	10:00 am Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am Worship in person & live stream
Monday, January 10	7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday, January 12	10:00 am Bible Study/in person (304) & via zoom
	6:00 pm Handbells
	7:00 pm Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * From *The Book of Common Worship:* "The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to that feast. Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God."
- * **Please join** the minister for Bible study on either Monday, January 10 from 7:00 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or Wednesday, January 12 from 10:00 11:00 a.m. in person (Room 304) or via Zoom. This week we will read and talk about 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and the gifts of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for worship and the ordination and installation of Ruling Elders on January 16. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.
- * **During worship next Sunday** the Session will ordain and install Ruling Elders in the Class of 2024. To be ordained and installed: Joyce Ange and Danielle Sills. To be installed: Curt Simpson.
- * **2022 Offering Envelopes** are on the pew at the front of the church. Pick yours up on your way out. They are in numerical order. If you can't remember your number, look for your name. Thanks!
- *These Days quarterly devotionals are located in the window sill at the front of the church. You may also pick one up in the fellowship hall or in the new building.
- * **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Dan and Tanya Robinson and their family on the death of their niece, Kelsie Smith, on January 2, and to Cheryl Brinkley and family on the death of her aunt, Edna Bass, on January 6.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Judy Wallace on the occasion of her 82nd birthday on January 14. They are lovingly given by her family.



