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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 10, 2021

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Wade in the Water"

setting by Mark Hayes

Wade in the water. Children wade in the water.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

All: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

Leader: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

All: We will not fear, for God is with us!

Leader: The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

All: Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

Leader: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing, ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

All: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

Hymn #482 (verses 1 & 3)

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

Unison Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. Lord, have mercy. In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. Lord, have mercy. Remember the promises you made to us in baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

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

*"Baptism is bowing before the Father and letting him do his work."
Max Lucado,
Christian author and pastor in San Antonio, Texas*

*"Baptism is faith in action."
Watchman Nee,
20th century Chinese church leader and Christian teacher*

*"Child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever."
Book of Common Worship*

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ lives in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is of the new creation.

All: The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun.

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

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

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

"The Work of Christmas"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

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.



*"Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. Baptism is at once God's gift of grace, God's means of grace, and God's call to respond to that grace."
PCUSA "Directory for Worship"*

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Shall We Gather at the River” setting by Joel Raney

Shall we gather at the river? Where bright angel feet have trod?

With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.

Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

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: **The Litany of Walking Wet**

Leader: Where are we going?

All: We've left the country where sin is sovereign.

Leader: Can we still live in our old house then?

All: No! We've packed up and left there for good.

Leader: How do I get to this new place?

All: That's what happens in baptism. We go under the water and leave the old country of sin behind.

Leader: What happens when I come up out of the water?

**All: We enter into the new country of grace — a new life in a new land!
We're walking wet!**

Leader: What is it like being in the water?

All: It is like the burial of Jesus.

Leader: What is it like being raised up out of the water?

All: It is like the resurrection of Jesus. God raises us into a light-filled world, so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country.

Leader: Tell me again.

All: Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life — no longer at sin's beck and call! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection.

Leader: We have new life in Jesus?

All: Yes! We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us.

Leader: So that's what this is all about.

All: Yes. From now on, think of it this way. Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did. I'm walking wet and speaking the language of grace. Praise God!

*“In his own baptism, Jesus identified himself with sinners — yet God claimed him as a beloved Son, and sent the Holy Spirit to anoint him for service.”
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Affirmation
of Faith



Benediction

Postlude

*"In baptism
God claims us,
and seals us to
show that we
belong to God.
Let us
remember with
joy our own
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10	10:00 am	Zoom Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship in person and online
Monday, January 11	7:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study Via Zoom
Wednesday, January 13	10:00-11:00 am	Bible Study Via Zoom
	7:00-9:00 pm	Elder Training Via Zoom

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible Study on either Monday, January 11 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, January 13 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This week we will enjoy good fellowship and talk about John 1:43-51. When Nathanael asked Philip to tell him about Jesus, Philip said, "Come and see." What do we have to show people about our Lord Jesus? Check your email on Monday for the Zoom invitations/links.

* **In preparation** for their ordination and installation as Ruling Elders in the session's Class of 2023 on Sunday, January 24, Hayes Ludlum, Greg Maready, and Kelli Norris will participate in Ruling Elder Training on Sunday, January 3, Wednesday, January 6, and Wednesday, January 13. Elder Training includes instruction in our Presbyterian form of government, what Presbyterians believe, the nature of the office of Ruling Elder, and the responsibilities of the Ruling Elder.



2021 SESSION

Philip K. Gladden, Moderator

Hope H. Turnbull, Clerk

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Wayne Casteen
Sam Rose
Lindsay Skidmore

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Fred Burroughs
Patsy Ludlum
Darleen Weller

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Greg Maready
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