



Baptism

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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 23, 2016

11:00 A.M.

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Minute For Mission **Operation Christmas Child** Candace Knowles

Choral Call to Worship **"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"** HOLY GROUND

*We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.*

Opening Sentences

Elder George Francis

Leader: God is with us always and calls us each by name. When we pass through difficulties and stress,

All: God is with us and calls us by name.

Leader: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

All: God is with us and calls us by name. Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

All: What have we done to deserve God's love?

Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

All: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

Leader: God's love never vanishes from us.

All: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us.

"The church exists primarily for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for his kingdom in the world."

*N.T. Wright,
Simply Christian:
Why Christianity
Makes Sense*

*Hymn #482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

Today's Prayer of
Confession is
adapted from
Lectionary
Liturgies.

"The Sacrament
of Baptism, the
sign and seal of
God's grace and
our response, is
the foundational
recognition of our
Christian
commitment.
Baptism enacts
and seals what
the Word
proclaims: God's
redeeming grace
offered to all
people."

Presbyterian
Church (U.S.A.)
Directory for
Worship

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are baptized in Christ's name, but 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 your gifts. God of grace, forgive us. 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 in the name of the One who went into the waters of baptism to cleanse us of sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Hear our prayers, O Lord . . .

(A time for silent confession . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for all of us:

All: In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are washed clean, we are raised up, we are forgiven, we are set free.

Leader: In the love of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.

All: In the waters of baptism, we are set free to let go of what is old and broken, to live a new life in the power of the resurrection, and to follow a joyful way after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Meaning of Baptism

The Presentation of Clara Gray Casteen

Elder Wayne Casteen

The Questions for the Parents

The Questions for the Congregation

Elder Wayne Casteen

Do we, the members of the congregation, in the name of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, undertake with Zach and Andrea the Christian nurture of Clara Gray, so that in due time she may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Will we endeavor by our example and fellowship to strengthen her family ties with the household of God?

"The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles claims us in the waters of baptism, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church."

*Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
"A Brief Statement of Faith"*

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Luke 18:16

*The 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism of Clara Gray Casteen

The Welcome

Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"Washed by the Water"

Needtobreathe

*Daddy was a preacher, she was his wife,
Just trying to make the world a little better, you know, shine a light.
People started talking, just to hear their own voice.
Those people tried to accuse my father, say he made the wrong choice.
Though it might be painful, you know that time will always tell.
Those people have long since gone, my Father never failed.
Those people have long since gone, my Father never failed.
Even when the rain falls, even when the flood starts rising,
Even when the storm comes, I am washed by the water.
Even when the rain falls, even when the flood starts rising,
Even when the storm comes, I am washed by the water.
Even when the Earth crumbles under my feet,
Even when the ones I love turn around and crucify me,
I won't never ever let You down. I won't fall as long as You're around me.*

Prayer for Illumination

*Heavenly Father, at his baptism in the Jordan River, you revealed Jesus as your Son. As we hear your Word this morning, may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.***

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Elder George Francis

+Pages 806, 807

"We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself."

*Dietrich
Bonhoeffer*

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

*William Arthur
Ward*

God has laid claim to your life. By your baptism you have been marked as God's own forever. In grace, may God watch over you. In strength, may you go forth in service.

*Hymn #658

"God Is So Good"

GOD IS SO GOOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-14

+Pages 949, 950

Sermon

**"The Stewardship of All of Life"
"Worship & Works"**

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lullaby Prayer (Prayer for Children)

Sorenson

Bless these little children, Lord; tiny souls, so adored.

Little lambs to You belong. They are weak. You are strong.

When they're scared in dark of night, be their Light; hold them tight.

Let them feel Your presence near. Give them peace. Help them sleep.

And if their path goes through the cold, in Your arms, please enfold.

Show them that Your love can melt frozen hearts, frozen souls.

Help them grow when there's no rain.

Free their hearts where they've been chained;

And when life can't be explained, others go, You remain.

Give them faith for mountains tall. Guide them when faith is small.

Teach them how to follow You in their youth, walk in truth.

Help them to accept Your love. Give them wings to rise above

The noise that drowns out Your commands. Hold their hand. Help them stand.

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*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.

*Hymn #766

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

MC KEE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Amen"

Franz Schubert, 1827

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen.

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 23	8:30 am 9:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Sound Retreat Meeting Opening Assembly Sunday School Worship/Sacrament of Baptism/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering Second Sunday (rescheduled from 10/9) Youth Fellowship
Monday, October 24	5:15 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting-Blue Room
Wednesday, October 26	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:15 - 8:15 pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study, Church Office Building Handbells Bible Study, Room 304 Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we celebrate the sacrament of Baptism with Clara Gray Casteen, daughter of Zach and Andrea Casteen and little sister of Adlyn Jo. May God bless Clara Gray as she grows in her faith in and love for Jesus Christ.
- **This morning** we receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in seven schools in our county.
- **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet tomorrow evening, October 24, at 5:15 pm, in the Blue Room.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Philippians 4:4-9 and Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34 on Wednesday, October 26 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Church Office Building) or 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. (Room 304).



RESCHEDULED DATE SECOND ANNUAL SHRIMP-A-ROO
Friday, November 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.



**WORSHIP,
GROW, GO**

The Stewardship of *All* of Life

During the months of October and November, the sermons in Sunday worship will be focused on the theme "The Stewardship of *All* of Life." The scripture readings for each Sunday are provided below so you may read them ahead of time and prepare yourselves to hear God's Word and act on it. Please keep our minister and congregation in your prayers as we consider what it means to be good stewards of God's wonderful gifts.

October 30	Philippians 4:4-9 and Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34
November 6	Psalm 104 and Matthew 14:13-21
November 13	Isaiah 65:14-25 and Philippians 1:1-11
November 20	Luke 17:11-19 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

