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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

11:00 A.M.

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

"Take me to the water. Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized."

Hymn #480, "Take Me to the Water," in Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal

*"This weekly act of confessing our sin and hearing the assurance of God's grace sounds a clear echo back to our baptism, when we first received this sign of divine forgiveness, when we were washed in the waters of grace and anointed for a lifetime of service."
Marney A. Wasserman, Sacraments and Seasons*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Bunessan"

setting by Joel Raney

"Bunessan" is the hymn tune shared by "Baptized in Water" and "Morning Has Broken" in our Glory to God hymnal. It is a Scottish Gaelic folk melody and was first translated into English in the 1880s.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

All: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

All: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

All: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. Amen.

Hymn #422 (verses 1 & 3)

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

Unison Prayer of Confession

How easily we leave your side, Lord God, for a place far away. We are blind in our darkness. Lord, open our eyes to our sins. Unless you strengthen our spirits and create our hearts anew, we cannot make the journey home. Guide us to your welcoming arms; to the music and the dancing, for we are easily lost, and only you, our Father, can find us. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

"In Baptism each Christian is set free from sin, marked as Christ's own, sealed by the Holy Spirit, welcomed to the Lord's Supper, made a member of the Church, and set apart for a life of service."
"Directory for Worship" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

All: Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ.

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

The Sacrament of Baptism — Addison Glyn Riley

The Meaning and Purpose of Baptism

The Presentation of Addison Glyn Riley

Elder Fred Burroughs

The Questions for the Parents

The Questions for the Congregation

Elder Fred Burroughs

Do we, the members of the congregation, in the name of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, undertake with Devan and Bailey the Christian nurture of Addison, 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 Addison's family ties with the household of God?

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 Baptism of Addison Glyn Riley

The Welcome

Children's Sermon



"I am the prodigal son every time I search for unconditional love where it cannot be found."

*Henri Nouwen
(1932-1996),
Dutch Catholic
priest, writer,
theologian*

"The difference between mercy and grace? Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him a feast."
*Max Lucado,
pastor at Oak Hills
Church, San
Antonio, Texas*

We are invited "to live our baptism day-by-day and year-by-year as disciples following the way of Jesus."
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Wasserman,
Sacraments and
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Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we continue on our Lenten journey with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word stay with us and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Hosea 11:1-9

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15: 11-32

Sermon

A LUKAN LENT
"The Prodigal Father"

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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Recognition of New Members

Devan and Bailey Riley; Steve and Gayle Godwin; Wayne Weller;
Charles and Barbara Sweetits

Presentation of New Members

Elder Darleen Weller

Welcome and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering

Offertory

"The Blessing" Carnes, Kobi, Brown, Furtick

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.
May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations,
And your family and your children and their children.
May His presence go before you and behind you,
And beside you, all around you, and within you. He is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you. Amen.*

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #774 (verses 1,3, &5) **"There Is Now a New Creation"** STUTT GART

*Benediction

*Postlude

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 7	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
	10:00 am Zoom Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am Worship — In Person & Live Stream/ The Sacrament of Baptism/Recognition of New Members/P.A.T.H. Offering
	3:00 pm Defibrillator and CPR Training, James Sills' Eagle Scout Project, Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 8	10:30 am Circle #1: Room 304
	7:00 8:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, March 9	10:30 am Circle #3: Room 304
Wednesday, March 10	10:00-11:00 am Zoom Bible Study



NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **This morning** we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with Addison Glyn Riley, daughter of Devan and Bailey Riley. Addison Glyn is the great-granddaughter of Tommy Johnson and the late Mary Glyn Johnson. May God bless this little girl and her family.

* **We are pleased** to welcome these brothers and sisters in the faith into the fellowship and ministry of our congregation: Devan and Bailey Riley (transfer from the Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown, NC); Charles and Barbara Swetiits (transfer from the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flemington, NJ); Wayne Weller (reaffirmation of faith); and Steve and Gayle Godwin (reaffirmation of faith). Welcome!

* **Please join** the minister for a Bible study via Zoom on either Monday night March 8 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning March 10 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This week we will enjoy good fellowship and discuss Luke 18:31-34 where Jesus foretells his death and resurrection. Will we be like the disciples who did not understand, or will we continue to follow Jesus on our Lenten journey, even when his way leads to the cross? Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by David and Brenda Long in loving memory of Donald Long, brother of David, who was a member of Montpelier Presbyterian Church in Laurinburg.



P.A.T.H. OFFERING (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) is Today. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides funds for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.