

BAPTISM of the Lord

*and the holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22

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SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 10, 2021

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have now clothed yourself with Christ.

All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

One: In baptism, Faye, Bev, Ray, and Laura were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

All: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it:

All: "It is good."

One: In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it:

All: "It is good."

One: In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it:

All: "It is good."

One: Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,

All: calling us closer to all that is good.

OPENING PRAYER

One: Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power

and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism, and be disciples of the Anointed One.

All: Amen.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.

TIME FOR SILENCE

(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE WORD IN MUSIC

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Teaching Elder: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit
who gives them.

All: **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same
Lord who is served.**

Teaching Elder: God works through each person in a unique way, but it
is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common
good.**

Teaching Elder: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually
members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Teaching Elder: Installing elders to active service calls the whole church to renewed commitment to what God calls the church to be and do, and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given to us in the covenant of baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

I ask all who are with us worship today, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

Teaching Elder: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

Teaching Elder: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

Teaching Elder: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Teaching Elder: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Teaching Elder: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Teaching Elder: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Teaching Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Teaching Elder: O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the faith, hope, and love you give to us through the blessing of our baptism—claiming us as your beloved children, calling us to the path of discipleship, revealing to us the light

of your glory. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, help us to follow you with faith, to trust in you with hope, and to serve you with love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Teaching Elder: Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Faye, Bev, Ray and Laura you are now installed as active ruling elders for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

WELCOME

All: Faye, Bev, Ray and Laura we welcome you as ruling elders of this congregation and pray that God's Spirit will anoint you as you serve him in this role.

CHARGE

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God of mercy and might.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation....With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.... As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

One: The body of Christ broken for us:

All: Thanks be to God. (The bread is eaten.)

One: The blood of Christ shed for us:

All: Amen. (The cup is drank.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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CHARGE

BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Baptism of the Lord Sunday!

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please have your communion elements prepared before the service. Any form of bread or juice is acceptable as long as it doesn't take away from communion.

The Elders for the Class of 2023 (Ray Barner, Faye Brown, Bev Hummel and Laura Pate) will be installed this morning. Many thanks to the Class of 2020 (Jimmy Bryant, Nancy Crowe, Mary Shelby and Wally Spragins) for their hard work and service to the church.

Offerings can be made by mailing your checks to the church at 16 East 5th Street, RR, NC 27870 or placing them in the letter slot in the Administration Building. Although the church is not open physically, the work of the church continues, so please remember your offerings.

The Witness Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 13th at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

Finance and Personnel will meet on Thursday, January 14th at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

The Session will meet next Sunday, January 17th at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Joe will be on study leave after worship today until February 8th.

There will be no streamed worship services for First Presbyterian Church January 17, 24, 31 and February 7 while Joe is on leave. Please join in worship with the First United Methodist Church on their streamed worship service at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCRoanokeRapids> on Sundays at 11:00 am. You do not have to be signed up on Facebook to go to this page. Following the live service, Tammy will also send out an email with the direct link to the recorded service that you can simply click on to watch.

Prayers for Healing of Friends & Families of the Church

Priscilla Ricks
Bill Howell
Glenn & Gayle Garner, @ Meals on Wheels
Sally Ray Warren
David and LaNae Grimes
Sandra Stephenson
Mary Francis Fisher
Harrison West
Ellen Burnett
Diane Bone
Eula Cutler
B.T. Brown
Doug Hayes
Bill Davis
Betsy Medlin
Linda Ray
Roger Fuester
Jeff Peedin
Frank Lonesky
Dee Campbell
Nancy Elias
Diana Dillard
Carolyn Keeter
Matt and Kelly Small, loss of baby boy Luke
Dennis Gaylor, surgery
Darlene Kassner
Bobbie Scott, broken hip
Cheryl Wingfield, knee replacement
Marie Anderson, recovery from hip replacement
Mary Braswell Kiger, gall bladder surgery

Concerns Outside of our Community

- *SYRIA and YEMEN
- *SOMALIA, drought, famine, anarchy
- *EGYPT and LIBYA, political unrest
- *ISRAEL, PALESTINE, GAZA peaceful coexistence
- *IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, security
- *USA, war in Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan
- *NIGERIA, abducted Chibok school girls
- *Ukrainian people victimized by foreign aggression
- *People of Sudan
- *Victims of gun violence in our country
- *People who are effected by Covid-19



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jeff Dillard who went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 25.

There will be no visitation or funeral service at this time. A celebration of Jeff's life will be held in the future when there is less risk from the pandemic. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to First Presbyterian Church.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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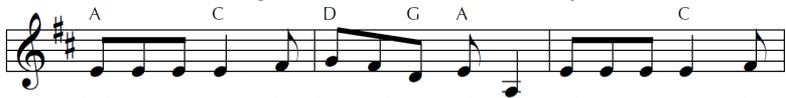
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm A^b E^b B^b E^b

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7) (B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 B^b7 E^b B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en-deav-ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
 All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.