

Baptism of the Lord

January 10th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Ah, Jesus, Dear

Johannes Brahms

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 29

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

All: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; it flashes forth flames; it shakes the wilderness; and it causes the oaks to whirl.

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.

All: Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

**Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-creation of the new day!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Loving God, we hear and celebrate the promises you make to us – the promise of your abiding presence in the Holy Spirit, the promise of your coming kingdom, and the promise that you hear our prayers; but still we search for more. We are unsatisfied and impatient. We prefer that you work on our timeline rather than your own. Forgive our frail faith. Remind us, once again, of your steadfast love and faithfulness in this and every age. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from 1 Peter 4&5

One: Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God rests on each of us, to restore, support, and strengthen us.

All: Therefore, let us be at peace in the One who forgives and loves us. Let us give thanks to God!

RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalms 34:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Earth Is the Lord's

Hallquist/Harlan

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the earth is the Lord's, and all who live in it.
Founded upon the sea, he built it upon the waters.
Let all creation in glad adoration
proclaim to all nations, "The earth is the Lord's!"

Who may ascend to the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands, he who has pure heart.
He who is faithful, he who is holy
may ascend to the hill of the Lord,
may stand in His holy place,
for the Lord is great. He is greatly to be praised,
and his truth endureth to all generations!

Lift up your heads for the King of Glory,
Lift up your gates that He may come in!
Who is the King of Glory?
The Lord, Jehovah Almighty!
Lift up your heads, lift up your gates
for the King of Glory shall come in!
Jehovah, King of Glory, shall come in!

GOSPEL READING

Acts 1:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call... Jesus Christ has given the church preaching and teaching, praise and prayer, and Baptism and the Lord's Supper as means of fulfilling its service of God to the world.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Jesu, the very Thought is Sweet

Gerald Near

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND 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.

HYMN OF SENDING *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

J. S. Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Dana Hendrix – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir
Technicians: Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brenda Rogoski, Dean and Mary Farmer, Emily Rose, the Landis family, the Goslee family, Mary and Frances Johnson, Beth and Daniel Robertson, Kay Weaver, Harriet Campbell, Frieda Sims, Imogene Posey, Betty McCollum, Aggie Bell, Dotty Barbour, Donna Downen, Douglas Hamilton, and Jennifer Levy-Tatum.

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary. Our Advent theme is *Those Who Dream...* Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Jan 10	Acts 1:1-14	Waiting & Praying
Jan 17	Acts 1:15-26	Restoring the Twelve
Jan 24	Acts 2:1-13	Day of Pentecost
Jan 31	Acts 2:14-41	What Does This Mean?

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK were given to the glory of God.

THE JANUARY SECOND EDITION is available! You may access it on our website (2ndpres.org - click the Publications tab on the Home Page), via a button at the bottom of the weekly E-News, or by picking up a copy in the vestibule.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A PASTORAL CARE PAGE is on our website under the 'About Us' tab. For the password to access, please contact the church office.

MEALS FOR THE HOMEBOUND: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowlilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

DISCIPLESHIP

NEW YEAR BIBLE STUDY: Beginning in mid-January, Pastor Tim will post a new lesson on our website and YouTube channel each week. We invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. Then on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12) we will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month. This will be a time to bring your questions, comments, and insights and share them with the group. The first topic for the year will be *The Great Ends of the Church*. See the upcoming January 2nd Edition or the Friday e-news for more information.

FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

FISH FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Second has participated in the Fish Food Pantry for decades. To continue to effectively carry out this long-time mission of the church, we are very much in need of more participants. We will evaluate whether to re-start our participation in January, please consider joining the effort. Contact Dick Dodson, rdodson52@gmail.com or 865-414-7413 to volunteer.

STEWARDSHIP

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were sent this week via e-mail or First Class Mail. If you did not receive one, or if you have questions about your statement, contact Audrey Johnson (865.523.2189 or ajohnson@2ndpres.org).

THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CURRENTLY CLOSED by order of the Session. The church staff is currently working from home. The vestibule is open Monday through Thursday so that drop offs and deliveries can take place, however, the building is still closed. There should be no reason for anyone to come into the church building. Thank you for your consideration and help to keep everyone safe!

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING usually takes place on the the first Sunday of February. The Session will discuss how and when the meeting will take place this year at its Stated Meeting for January. Once a decision has been made as to the time, date, and manner of the Annual Meeting, it will be communicated via email, newsletter, worship announcement, social media, and the Friday e-news.