

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

January 8, 2017

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

People: **O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.** Psalm 5:1-3

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: **For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.** Psalm 30:5

*Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #667

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*
**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

People: **That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: **But to save the world through him.** John 3:16-17

Leader: This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* #581

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology: **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.** #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God, open our hearts to understand the meaning of your word and to receive it with joy that it will produce fruit in our lives and in our ministry. Keep us by your power that the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth will not choke it, nor will troubles make us fall away, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 36:5-12** para. Michael Morgan
 (Tune: *O Waly Waly*, #847; *Our Hope, Our Life*)

Leader: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People: **Thy gifts, O Lord, surpass the heav'ns,
 Thy faithfulness, the clouds above;
 How matchless is Thy righteousness;
 How dear is Thy redeeming love.**

Leader: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

People: **Beneath the shadow of Thy wings,
 Thy people banquet at Thy board;
 They drink the cup of pure delights
 And taste the pleasure of the Lord.**

Leader: Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart. May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. See how the evildoers lie fallen—thrown down, not able to rise!

People: **God is the wellspring of my life,
 And in God's light, I light shall see;
 The pure of heart true favor find,
 And in God's law their liberty.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 3:13-17**

Anthem: *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* Craig Courtney

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: *When Peace Like a River* #840

Scripture: **First Peter 1:3-9**

Sermon: **Refined by Fire**

*Affirmation of Faith **Nicene Creed** hymnbook page 34

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

RESPONSE: *The First Song of Isaiah* Isaiah 12:2-6
**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
 And he will be my Savior.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

RESPONSE: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Argentine folk song

**Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!
 My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

RESPONSE: *Dying, You Destroyed Our Death*
**Dying, You destroyed our death; rising, You restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD TOGETHER AND SHARING THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER:

Leader: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

People: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

People: **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

People: And he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. Psalm 148

All: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Response: *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.
(Interlude)
Christ, we do all adore Thee.

*Benediction

*Closing Voluntary

*Please stand if you are able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 8

12:00 noon Communion Reception hosted by Evangelism Committee
12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice
12:00 noon Christian Education Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Youth

Monday, January 9

1:00 pm Circle Meeting
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, January 10

11:00 am Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Sarah Rogers
5:30 pm Prayer Group
5:30 pm Handbell Practice
6:15 pm Handbell Supper

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 15

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice
5:30 pm Super Sunday

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: Clarence Bahs Chris Bray
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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
First Peter 1:3-9