

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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The Baptism of Christ, Jesus Mafa

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in bold.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!

Dip your soul into the water of life.

Come, all who hunger. Come to the table!

Eat your fill of the bread of life.

Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!

Rest your spirits in the house of God.

Come, all who thirst.

Come, all who hunger.

Come, all who are weary.

Come and worship God!

When this symbol (*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

setting by John Ferguson (1941-2025)

Please follow the dynamics of the organ



unison 1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
harmony 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
unison 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
harmony 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;





gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
 Music: Robert Lowry

HANSON PLACE
 8 7 8 7 and refrain

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In the waters of baptism, O God,
 you have cleansed us and claimed us.
 Forgive us for refusing your grace
 and rejecting your name.
 We have followed our own paths,
 and they have led us far from you.
 Help us to live into our baptisms,
 to trust that all we need is in you,
 for you have marked us as your own,
 loving us without limit.
 Wash us with your love again,
 that with clean hearts
 we may go in the way of Jesus.

*We lay before God
 our own sins,
 the sins and
 brokenness of
 our fellow
 worshipers,
 the church
 universal,
 and the world.*

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Forgive Our Sins

DETROIT



"For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us Lord, to pray,
 But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

*Text: Rosamond E. Herklots,
 as found at Hymn No. 444*

The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debt - or dai-ly I'm con - strained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.

*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

STORY TELLING

We listen for what God is saying to God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 822, 823
Pew Bible, page 672*

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 73
Pew Bible, page 60*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Let it Shine...Through the Waters

Dr. Jim Lunde

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Our response to hearing God's Word includes singing and saying what we believe.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE— NO. 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized setting by Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)
Chancel Choir

Christ, when for us You were baptized, God's Spirit on You came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet As urgent as a flame.
God called You "My beloved Son," The suffering servant true,
Sent You the kingdom to proclaim, God' holy will to do.
Straightway and steadfast until death You then obeyed God's call
Freely as Son of Man to serve And give Your life for all.
Baptize us with Your Spirit, Lord, Your cross on us be signed,
That, likewise in God's service, we May perfect freedom find.

-F. Bland Tucker (revised 1982)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly
host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – No. 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on *ENGELBERG*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

Lisa Mullen, M. Div., Parish Associate

John W. Johnson, M. Div., Parish Associate for Communications

J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

Pennies for Hunger Offering is being received today. The collection is sent to Salem Presbytery where it is then divided and returned to local food ministries.

All are invited to remain seated for the voluntary. If you must leave, please do so quietly.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. Please take a moment to sign our friendship register when it is passed to you. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to one of our ministers. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office at 336-228-1703 to be added to the weekly email list.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE: *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning. Click here to view: [on our website](#) and on [the FPC Facebook page](#).

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold B. Bates by Emily A. Bates.

LITURGY FROM: *Call to Worship*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* (Westminster John Knox Press)

LARGE PRINT HYMNS: Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

OFFERING RITUAL: In the pew racks you will find "Offering Ritual" cards. The giving of our offerings and ourselves is vital part of worship in which we express our gratitude for God's blessings. The passing of the offering plate is a visible demonstration of our commitment to devote our time and treasures to Christ's ministry. If you give monthly, quarterly, annually; or through stocks, credit cards, or e-giving, you may still participate in the offering ritual by placing this card in the offering plate. If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, you will find instructions on the back side of this card. Scan this QR code to access FPC's online Giving with your Smartphone. It's easy to download a QR Code reader from the App Store!

PASTOR ON-CALL INFORMATION: If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the pastor on call by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and pressing 9. You will then be connected to the pastor on call.

FOUR HANDS, TWENTY FINGERS, EIGHT-EIGHT KEYS!

Thursday, January 16, 2025

11:00am Shive Hall

The January Friendship Group presents piano music for two players as we celebrate the restoration of our Steinway Piano! And you will have a chance to join in the merry music making! Classical music, Hymn arrangements, Solo piano, and YOU! All followed by a delicious lunch! RSVP by January 13 to pmurphy@fpcburlington.org or call the church office, 336.228.1703

BOOK CLUB

Book Lovers! Join the FPC Lunch Bunch Group in the Witherspoon Room on Tuesday, January 14, at 12 noon for a lively discussion of Lynda Rutledge's novel West With Giraffes. This "emotional, rousing novel" was "inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression - era America." We will make the trip across the United States with main character Woodrow Wilson Nickel as he accompanies a pair of giraffes from New York to the San Diego Zoo. As we travel, we will experience a coming-of-age story, the bond humans can forge with animals and vice-versa, and a "story told before it is too late."

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Acolyte and Crucifer Training – Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship and Supper– Shive Hall
6:00 p.m. PW Circle #1 – Witherspoon Room

Monday, January 13

- 11:00 a.m. PW Circle #2 – Witherspoon Room

Tuesday, January 14

- 6:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
7:30 a.m. High School Dough Devotions – The Park (S. Church St.)
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Room 203
10:00 a.m. PW Circle #4 – Witherspoon Room
Noon Lunch Bunch Book Club – Room 122

Wednesday, January 15

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night – Room 401
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
9:00 a.m. Andrews Snack Packing – Witherspoon Room
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets – Room 201
11:00 a.m. Friendship Group – Shive Hall
5:30 p.m. CDC Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap

Moment's Meditation



We are the Lord's church...the mantle is upon our shoulders. Joy is apparent in our living. We have been commissioned to be the church of Jesus Christ.

Ann Weems, *The Church Year*