

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 9, 2022



Bayou Baptism, painting 2016
Lauren Wright Pittman, American

Faith Presbyterian Church Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Our Father in Heaven*

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

John Colmers

As we gather, we find ourselves on wind-tossed waves:

The sea is so wide and our boat is so small!

Yet God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in times of trouble.

Therefore we will not fear.

Though the earth may change, and the waters of the sea may roar and foam,

And the mountains tremble with its tumult. We shall worship God together!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, your guiding hand is always with us, and yet we allow ourselves to be lost in work and aimless in love. We cling to our old ways, afraid to try a different direction, unwilling to be led by faith. We deny your image in others and refuse to see it in ourselves. Forgive us! By your healing waters, wash us clean, and make us new. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 578 *O Lord, Have Mercy*

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O
 2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 583 *Glory to God*

GLORY

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Proclamation of the Word

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to

clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Music

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Through the Waters

Rev. Goodrich

Responding to the Word

Hymn 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering *If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.*



Offertory *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

arr. Victor Labenske
(b. 1963)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sending God's People into the World

Hymn 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Azmon*

arr. Carl Gotthelf Gläser
(1781-1829)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Vivian Slacum, *Guest Organist*
John Colmers, *Liturgist*
Debra Colmers, *Soloist*
Karen Burd, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

This week we pray for:

Neal Hairston
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family
Robert Ingram

Ann Scheck
Faith's homebound members

The Forum Immigration Series, 9:15 on Zoom

Jan 9 – Faith's Stories of Immigration

Members of the congregation will share the history of immigrants in their families.

Jan 16 – John Bell, Immigration Attorney

Birmingham attorney John Bell will discuss immigration policy and the legal challenges that immigrants confront.

Jan 23 – Pat Jones, Executive Director of Immigration Outreach Service Center (IOSC)

Our neighbor at St. Matthew will address the work of the Center in helping immigrants navigate getting established in Baltimore.

Jan 30 - Catherine Scenna, Director of the Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance Project
Under the auspices of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, this project provides free legal clinics to assist immigrants who must appear before the Immigration Court in Maryland to remain in the United States.