

The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 8, 2023



Panorama of Baptism on the Cane River, 1945, Oil on window shade
Clementine Hunter, Ogden Museum of Southern Art

Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns**

Gathering of God's People

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Bobby Hall

If we listen closely, we might hear it:

A voice like the rush of a river, flowing past.

If we look closely, we might see it:

In the splash and sparkle of water, a glimpse of the sacred.

We gather with the hope that we might feel it:

The welcome of God, as refreshing as water, poured out for us!

*Hymn 484 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

RUSTINGTON

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confessionⁱ

God of many waters, we live in a world where your sacred gift of water is commodified and contaminated, greening golf courses while the fields of the poor are parched. The watermarks on our passports and on our dollars are more highly valued than the watermark of our faith. We confess that we have allowed water to divide us, instead of protecting it as a right for all. Forgive us! By the power of your Spirit, wash us clean of all wrongdoing, and quench our thirst for equity and justice. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 576 *Lord, Have Mercy*

SINGAPURA

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Assurance of Grace

*Act of Praise 590 *Hallelujah*

HALLELUJAH

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Proclamation of the Word

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament 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.

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Healing River

Rev. Goodrich

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

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

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.

Sending God's People into the World

***Hymn 482** *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Marilyn Valentine, Guest Pianist

Mike Shirey, Guitar

Bobby Hall, Liturgist

Kristin Herber, Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint

Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

****Joys and Concerns:** We are a community who prays with and for each other. There is a book in the narthex where you may write your joys and concerns to be included in the Prayers of the People and shared in our weekly prayer chain email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please email faithchurchbalt@gmail.com.

This week we pray for:

Diane Borgatti

Ann Scheck

Faith's homebound members

The people of Ukraine

Victims of gun violence

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you found our worship to be meaningful - your presence enriches our community. If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will return soon so that we might get to know you better. To

learn about ways to get engaged in the life of Faith, check out our website, www.faithpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org.

KIDS are welcome at Faith! Our PRAYGROUND at the front of the sanctuary is for children 6 and younger during worship. There are books and quiet activities to keep hands busy so ears can listen, and it's close to the action so that our youngest members can experience the beauty of worship in a space that's just for them.

Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom. January 15 & 22*

The Forum will continue its focus on gun violence and conflict in our city.

January 15, we will learn about the **Johns Hopkins gun violence research** center

January 22, **Reginald Williams** from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement will join us to share about the city's group violence reduction strategy.

January 29-February 19

What is patience? Is it waiting for the passing of time? Is it endurance in the midst of pain and suffering? Is it tolerance or forbearance with self or others? Is it constancy in the face of discouragement? Is it constructive engagement with events or circumstances? Whatever it is, why is it in such short supply? This Forum will pursue these questions and explore why patience is a concern for faith and social justice. **Arthur Sutherland, PhD**, associate professor of theology at Loyola University will lead the Forum.

ⁱ Prayer adapted from "Act of Recommitment to Our Baptismal Faith" from *Liturgies from Below: 462 acts of worship; Praying with People at the Ends of the World* by Claudio Carvalhaes, Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2020, pp 120-121.



Christmas Flowers

Kay Ballard	In Memory of Loved Ones In Celebration of Loved Ones
David Brown Paula & Peter Burger	In Memory of Ernest & Ann Phillips; Willard & Fannie Burger; Charles Andrews
Christa Fuller Burns	In Memory of Stanley Burns; William Brown Jr.
Debra & John Colmers	In Memory of Our Grandparents; Richard Paul; Rudi & Rosmarie Colmers
Yvonne Davis The Herber Family Susan G. Johnston Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of Juanita Webb In Memory of James Herber In Celebration of Faith Church In Memory of Esther & Roy Meyers; Elvira & Al Carle
Robin & Neil Nemser Debbie & Larry Schmelz Debra Stacey Sondra Watkins	In Memory of Lewis Deardorff In Memory of Loved Ones In Celebration of Susan G. Johnston In Memory of Candace Tyler; Leroy Jones

Music Fund

Kay Ballard	In Memory of William & Adele Scheeler; Her parents, Lawrence & Marie Frey In Celebration of Loved Ones; Adelaide Cooke; Marilyn Valentine; Cathy Billings
David Brown Paula & Peter Burger Doris Cowan	In Celebration of Samuel Springer In Memory of Randy Woodfield In Celebration of Samuel Springer
Debra & John Colmers	In Memory of George Jenkins; Randy Woodfield
Susan G. Johnston	In Celebration of Stephen Harouff; Samuel Springer
Karen & David Meyers	In Celebration of Stephen Harouff; Samuel Springer
Pat & Jack Nesbitt Gail Poorbaugh	In Celebration of our Faith Family In Memory of the Chandler Family In Celebration of the Chandler Family
Ted Wallace	In Memory of Evelyn Wallace; Alvin Wallace

The Bread Fund

Kay Ballard	In Memory of Loved Ones; Maceo Williams In Celebration Susan & Carl Scheir; Dawn & Mike Shirey; Karen & Dave Meyers
Don Boardman	In Memory of Charles & Evelyn Preston; Rev. Richard Randall Preston; Jennifer Preston; Mr. Harry Boardman, Jr. Carol Paige Preston Boardman; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Boardman, Sr.
David Brown	
Paula & Peter Burger	In Celebration of Cat Goodrich
Doris Cowan	In Celebration of the Cowan Family
Yvonne Davis	In Celebration of Pat Thomson
The Herber Family	In Celebration of Our Faith Family
Susan G. Johnston	In Celebration of Faith Church
Karen & David Meyers	In Celebration of Cat Goodrich; Christa Burns
Pat & Jack Nesbitt	In Memory of Jim Nesbitt In Celebration of Our Family
Gail Poorbaugh	In Memory of William Poorbaugh II
Ron & Judy Sperling	

The Dear Fund

Kay Ballard	In Memory of Loved Ones In Celebration of Sharon Will; Charleen Witherspoon; Janice Williams; Ellsworth & Chandra Jackson
David Brown	
Peter & Paula Burger	In Celebration of Diane Borgatti
Doris Cowan	In Memory of Ward Cowan
Susan G. Johnston	In Celebration of Faith's Deacons
Karen & David Meyers	In Celebration of Cathy Billings; Bill Millen
Debbie & Larry Schmelz	In Memory of Loved Ones
Ron & Judy Sperling	In Memory of Loved Ones In Celebration of Our Family
Debra Stacey	In Celebration of Susan G. Johnston
Audrey Trapp	In Celebration of Our Families
Sharon Will	In Memory of Anna & Edwin Will; David Will

Cuba Scholarship

Doris Cowan	In Celebration of Audrey Trapp
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