# 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!

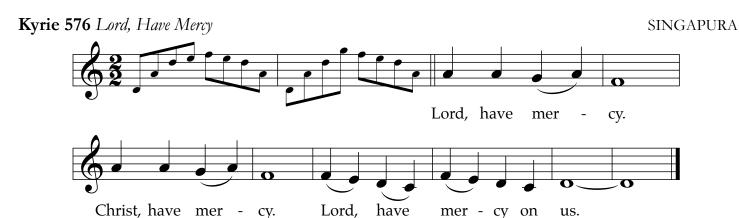
\*Hymn 484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

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#### Call to Confession

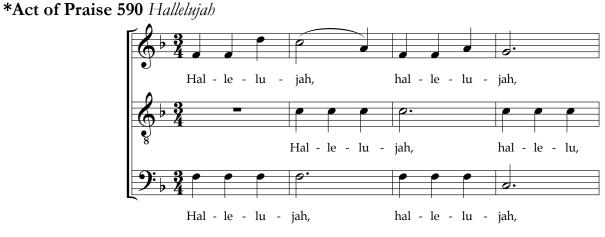
## Prayer of Confessioni

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...



HALLELUJAH

#### **Assurance of Grace**





#### 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

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**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

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#### 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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

Karen & David Meyers

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 In Memory of Juanita Webb
The Herber Family In Memory of James Herber
Susan G. Johnston In Celebration of Faith Church

In Memory of Esther & Roy Meyers; Elvira & Al Carle

Robin & Neil Nemser In Memory of Lewis Deardorff
Debbie & Larry Schmelz In Memory of Loved Ones

Debra Stacey In Celebration of Susan G. Johnston Sondra Watkins 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 In Celebration of Samuel Springer

Doris Cowan 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 In Celebration of our Faith Family

Gail Poorbaugh In Memory of the Chandler Family

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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

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 Ron & Judy Sperling In Memory of William Poorbaugh II

## The Dear Fund

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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