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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

JAN. 12, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

KATIE SUNDEEN

Holy Triune God, author of community,
come baptize us.

**Remind us what it means
to belong to one another.**

God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

**Reveal to us your power
that ushers in new realms.**

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

**Declare to us your great delight
and hold us in your pleasure.**

God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

**Welcome us into the paradox
of strength that comes from weakness.**

Together, let us remember this day.

**In the Creator's love we are held,
into Christ's body we are baptized,
and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.
All glory to God. Amen.**

++ HYMN #375[GTG] Shall We Gather at the River
A Baptist preacher wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1).

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

KATIE SUNDEEN

++Indicates Congregation standings as able

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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KATIE SUNDEEN

The love of God flows ceaselessly.
The mercy of God never ends.
This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #659 [GTG]

***Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.***

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

KATIE SUNDEEN

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

Be still and know that I am God (three times)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

KATIE SUNDEEN

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 29

KATIE SUNDEEN

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD,
over mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of
Lebanon.
⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness
of Kadesh.
⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and
in his temple all say, "Glory!"
¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king
forever.
¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with
peace!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem "Down in the River to Pray" arr Mark A Hafso CHANCEL CHOIR

*As I went down in the river to pray studyin' about that good ol' way,
An' who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord! Show me the way.
Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray.*

...

...Brothers...Fathers...Mothers...Sinners

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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."

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Renewal of Baptism:

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Lord and life-giving Spirit, who charged the waters with life when first the world began:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Saving Lord, who sheltered us with Noah in the ark upon the flood:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Giver of freedom, who led your people out of slavery through the waters that did not overwhelm:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

O God, our provider, who gives thirsty people water from a rock:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Holy Lord, who gives water to purify what is unclean:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Brooding Spirit, who anointed Jesus with your power of life no death could conquer:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, who poured yourself out as a drink offering on our behalf, filling us with your Spirit:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Spirit of the Living God, who charges the waters of baptism with resurrection power so we might live as part of God's New Creation:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Drench us once more in your life-giving Spirit, Almighty God, that we might be cleansed, sustained, and anointed with your power as we proclaim with boldness and live with joy the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be all honor and dominion and glory now and forevermore.

Amen.

Renunciation of Sin

Through our baptism into Christ, we were redeemed from our slavery to the powers of sin and made citizens of God's Commonwealth. Let us remember what God has done and is doing by renewing our baptismal vows, renouncing sin and professing faith in Christ Jesus.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

Accepting the Creator's love, I renounce all that makes me less than a child of God.

Do you renounce all powers in the world that defy God's Way of Life for all?

In the name of Christ Jesus, I renounce them.

Will you resist the forces of sin that hold the world in captivity?

With the power of the Holy Spirit, I will resist them.

Trusting the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from evil to seek good?

By the grace of God, I do.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world?

I believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

Will you follow the Spirit of the living Lord and live in accord with God's Way?

By God's grace, I will walk in the Spirit Way.

Let us pray: Spirit of the Living God, hover once more over us as you did at creation, energizing us with your life, that as we remember our baptism in Christ, we may be an open conduit of your Holy Spirit flooding all of creation with blessings of your abundant, redeemed life. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, the living water, to your glory we pray. Amen.

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come. And let the one who hears say, 'Come! And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.'" (Rev. 22:17)

People come forward to receive a baptismal blessing. If there are stones in the water, they may take a memorial stone to remember their baptism, then step forward to be signed with the sign of the cross traced with water from the font on their foreheads.

Leaders: "Remember your baptism and let God's river of mercy flow through you in service to the world."

After all have been signed and blessed:

Now, remember your baptism as you go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that Christ has commanded you.

May God's Spirit flow through us to bless the world.

And remember that God's promise goes before you. For thus says the Lord, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Thanks be to God! Amen.

++HYMN #288[GTG] Spirit of the Living God (Three Times)
Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GEORGE BENNETT

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayers continue)

Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

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.

AMEN: #554 [GTG]

554

Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995

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LAND OF REST

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Come, Holy Ghost” by Thomas Attwood CHANCEL CHOIR

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love, Is comfort, life and fire of love;

Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight: Anoint and cheer our soiled face

With the abundance of thy grace: Keep far our foes, give peace at home;

Where thou art guide no ill can come, where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one, that through the ages all along

This may be our endless song, Praise to thy eternal merit,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608
All Blessings Flow

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore." The chords indicated above the notes are: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G.

Prayer of Dedication

KATIE

SUNDEEN

HYMN #482 [GTG] Baptized in Water

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306 [GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:
ORGANIST:
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:
PASTOR:

KATIE SUNDEEN
MEGAN HIGLE
SERGEI KVITKO
PRINCE SOLACE
REV. STANLEY JENKINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 12

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Worship service – Sanctuary
Adult Forum – Litten Hall
LINK Committee - Library
Faith Formation
Finance Committee
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, January 13

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

GIL classes
Staff meeting – Library
Yoga – Yoga room
Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
Worship Committee
Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall
Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, January 15

9:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
Boomers/Beyond luncheon – Parlor
Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal – Choir room
Yoga
Session/Deacon potluck – Litten Hall
Session/Deacon meeting

Thursday, January 16

9:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
Greater Lansing Quilt Guild – Litten Hall
Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study - Library
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 17

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Worship service - Sanctuary
Adult Forum – Litten Hall
Faith Formation
Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Let's celebrate. Former elder and deacon Jerry Keller turns 90 on Jan. 18, his wife Linda Keller tells us. "Jerry felt it was a privilege," Linda said.

Show off your talent by yourself or with a group. A talent show will take place on March 8, 2025, at 3 pm. If you want to be in the show please contact Pam Blair

blairkids3@yahoo.com The show needs an audience too, so if you are not in the show come to be wowed and enjoy the fun.

Birthday Potluck is February 2, 2025, after worship. Come find out who celebrates a birthday in the same month you do. Bring a dish to pass that feeds 10-12 people. Enjoy great food, good conversation, and a birthday party.

Euchre Tournament January 26 at noon at Holt First Presbyterian Church. The youth are hosting a Euchre party all skill levels welcomed, no partners needed, there will be food and childcare provided. If you have questions, contact Pam Blair 517-281-9099

ADULT FORUM

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom).
(Childcare is available through this time.)

January 12

Social Justice Initiatives in Corporate Health Care

Matt Anderson leading

Matt is a senior data analyst with CVS Pharmacies and a long time First Presbyterian Church member

January 19

My Faith Journey

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

January 26

Today is the launch of the **Wired Word Social**. We'll meet in Litten Hall for this first in-person discussion of current topics from a biblical perspective, continuing on a weekly basis.



Adult Education is starting a new curriculum titled "The Wired Word" led by Pr. Bob Higle. This material will be distributed weekly by email and is meant to be a fresh and engaging Bible study for

all adult ages.

FPC's Adult Ed is hoping the lesson presented each week will spark stimulating discussions and conversations germane to current events. Despite the Bible being written and translated several centuries ago, we hope you will find the Bible alive today as "The Wired Word" relates the Bible to news events happening here and now.

Each week we will be presented with **two Bible study lessons**. Each lesson is based on the foundations of Christian faith and includes Bible verses, biblical commentary, discussion questions, reference materials that relate to a topic in the news that week — it could even be a news event that is occurring the same day.