

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of life and new life,
you are splendid and strong!
Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters.
You sit enthroned above the floods of life.
As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism,
may we also hear you calling us your beloved,
through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 1

Jan Bender

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, some of us are discouraged
and long for your embrace.

Wash us with your love.

Some of us are weary,
weighed down by the desperation of this world.

Wash us with your hope.

Some of us are anxious
and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

Wash us with your peace.

Some of us are restless,
yearning for renewal or transformation.

Wash us with your grace.

However we come into your presence,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

Let us come to the waters of baptism.

Let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal, No. 475

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of grace,

**You claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you,
but we do not always live out this calling.**

**We stifle the gifts you have given us
rather than using them for your glory.**

**We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness
rather than showing love to our neighbors.**

**We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world
and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel.**

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Air

Jonathan Battishill

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Now There Is No Male or Female

Hymnal, No. 493

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

You Belong to Christ

*POSTLUDE

Prelude No. 3

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*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for January 19: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for January is **Non-Perishable foods of all kinds** as they were cleared out during the holidays. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Jim Rodriguez & Tim Thiessen.

Kids Club starts again January 15th.

SUNDAY

January 12

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

January 15

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

January 19

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jan Cunningham
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Blair Lanning
Judd Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Emily Ryther
Gary Thraikill
Jona Thiessen
Devyn Upton
Karen Upton
Janann Yeager
Melinda Clements
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)
Jim Leseney (Vince Leseney's father)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Samuel McCann whose grandmother died December 11.
Linda Eckel and family whose husband Jim Eckel died October 31.
Lisa Upton whose father Nolan Spaugy died on October 30.

Joys

Julian Warren Beck, born December 26, son of Jenny and Warren Beck, proud grandparents are Susan and John Beck

Seminary Graduate

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

January 14– Warren Beck
Devyn Upton

January 19– Charles Johnson

Anniversaries

January 17– Zack & Brook Hesse

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week:

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

We are **thankful** for:

- the ancient cultures and religions that have been sustained in this area for millennia
- those who continue to pursue peace in the midst of ethnic strife and terrorism
- the faithfulness of Muslims in expressing their faith and working with others
- Christians who practice their faith even when they are a small, often discriminated minority.

We **pray** for:

- women and others in these countries who are deprived of basic freedoms and human dignity
- those who misuse or exploit religious identity for extremist political ends
- the wise use of the benefits of oil and other natural resources for the sake of all
- the emergence of stable democratic societies based on the rule of law, social justice, and respect for religious and other freedoms.