



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2014

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.  
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

### 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

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

Gerald Near

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered  
over the waters of the deep.

**In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth  
and humankind.**

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could  
cross from slavery to liberation.

**God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples'  
feet in water.

**Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a  
Samaritan woman,**

**the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a  
large family. Praise be!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.**

**We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.**

**We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.**

**O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.**

**As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world.**

**Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Matthew 3:13-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

*Come to the Water*

MESSAGE

*The Problem with Baptism*

Tracy L. Evans

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts,  
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 AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

RENUNCIATIONS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal p. 35

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

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

SONG OF FAITH

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

Wilbur Held

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG    *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION    *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in C major*

David Johnson

\*Those who are able may stand.

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 Urban Mission item** of the month for January is cereal. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

**Ushers** for today's service are Will and Jessica Farris.

Your 2013 **contribution statements** are available in the narthex. Please help us save a stamp by picking up your statement today.

The **confirmation class** will hold a spaghetti dinner **fundraiser** following worship today to make it possible for them to attend the confirmation retreat at Dwight Mission. Please join us if you can, and/or support the class with a donation.

The **annual congregational meeting** will be January 26 following worship.

**SUNDAY****January 12**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Spaghetti dinner fundraiser
- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group

**MONDAY****January 13**

- 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality meeting

**TUESDAY****January 14**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education meeting

**WEDNESDAY****January 15**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY****January 16**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

**SUNDAY****January 19**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting