

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 10th, 2021

The Baptism of Christ

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Joy to the World

arr. Carol Tornquist

CHORAL INTROIT Gloria, Gloria

(#825)

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The powerful voice of God created all worlds.

That same voice calls us to worship.

Ascribe to our God glory and strength.

Come before God's glorious majesty.

God's strength shakes the wilderness.

That same strength is offered to people of faith.

The flames of God penetrate our cold hearts.

May God bless all people with true peace.

Come together to remember your baptism.

Gather to celebrate the Spirit's gifts.

The heavens open to us at the Word of God.

Surely God forgives and makes whole.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

In the beginning, O God, you fashioned a universe. Each star and planet had its beginning in you. Out of the void, you brought light and life. Through eons of creativity, you have acted, and today we are here, inheritors of an amazing process, tiny specks in the limitless reaches of time and space. And you are here, waiting to greet us. As you acted in our baptism, you are acting still to make all things new within us and among us. Let your light awaken us and your Spirit empower us for faithful living. Amen.

*HYMN I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#52

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God, you have created us, but we have chosen to go our own way. You have reclaimed us, but we have, by our arrogant attitudes and actions, rejected the claim. You have sent your Holy Spirit to break into our controlled and

unimaginative routines, and we have not appreciated that burst of creative energy. We are ready now to admit that our ways are full of dangerous byways. Our mistakes and failures have often come because, in our false pride, we have not listened to you. Save us again by your forgiving love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A voice from heaven said to Jesus: "You are my own Child, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus Christ passed on that gift to those who cared to follow. We, too, are beloved children of God, loved, forgiven, and sent on a mission. All who are truly sorry for their sin are relieved of its burden and are recreated in God's image. Celebrate God's strength and glory!

*GLORIA PATRI

#805

SPECIAL MUSIC Goin' to Bethlehem (recorded)

Jay Althouse

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

*HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God verses 1, 2, 3

#295

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5 (p.1); Acts 19:1-7 (p.1012); & Mark 1:4-11 (p.910)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed#15

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY We Three Kings

arr. Carol

Tornquist

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Mighty God, you have given us everything we have. You have granted us life. You have poured out abiding love on our behalf. You have made us rich. We share out of this awareness and because we care about people who do not know you, people who have not shared your abundance, people who have defied your commandments, people who need your love. Bless our gifts to do the work you intend. Amen.

*HYMN This is My Father's World verses 1, 3

#384

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God gives strength to those who will receive it.

God will bless the people with peace.

We need the strength God will provide.

We accept peace as God's generous gift.

Listen to the majesty of God's voice, calling you!

Glorify God's name in your work and worship.

We have been baptized in the name of Jesus.

The triune God has blessed and empowered us.

Then go out as a new creation in Christ.

Let others see how God is changing you.

We are unworthy servants of the Most High.

Yet we are ready to do what God expects. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

POSTLUDE The Holly and the Ivy

#840

arr. Bruce Greer

*All those who are able, please stand.

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For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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Genesis 1:1-5

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In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19:1-7

p.1012

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the

people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11

p.910

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was

coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God 52

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Ps. 95:6

1. I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes your glo-ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule by day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev-er in your care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jn. 20:22

Descant

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

so shall I nev - er die, but live the

life a - new, that I may love what
 heart is pure, un - til my will is
 whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly
 nev - er die, but live with thee the

per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

This Is My Father's World 384

The morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy. Job 38:7

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2. This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas— his hand the won - ders wrought.
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.
 Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

FEBRUARY:

- 1 Anna Fridsma
- 2 Eileen VanPernis
- 3 Maya Rose Maki
- 4
- 5 Aaron Swanson Jr., Ryan Patrick Traaholt
- 6 Marge Walworth & Diana Mann
- 7 Jamie Nelson
- 8 Lucas McKuen
- 9 Finn Levings
- 10
- 11 Christy Hammond
- 12
- 13
- 14 Sloan Wickman & Andrew Olson
- 15 Thea Jane Kolwitz & Shawn Traaholt
- 16 Camden Stadler, Nancy Brown, Dick Whitten & Briggs Brennan
- 17 Robyn Mahnke & Sawyer Wickman
- 18 Barry Mahnke
- 19 Casen Evenson
- 20 Rebecca Deters
- 21 Lois Lightner (1935)
- 22 Greg Brown, JoAnn Erickson & Kate Bernardo
- 23 Mike Urling & Trista Richardson
- 24 Jack Hogle
- 25
- 26 Matt Brown & Tucker Ray Melland
- 27 Katie Swanson & Sarah Yankee
- 28
- 29 Ethan Graff, Roxanna Turner, Mercedes Torres & Thomas Sanders