



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful. For those of you worshipping with us in the Sanctuary this morning, please remember that masks are required to be worn at all times. Thank you for helping us all stay safe!

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here, BWV 633

Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers

arr. W. P. Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 29:2-5*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

People: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful,

People: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

24 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (F#m)
 F Dm Gm Dm Am

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it

(Em7) (G) (Bm) (A) (Bm) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Dm C Dm C

nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive

(G) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)
 B^b Am B^b C F

ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

(D) (Bm7) (G) (Em7) (G) (F#m7)
 F Dm7 B^b Gm7 B^b Am7

we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or

The crux of this text comes in the second stanza: if we dare to claim God-given abilities, we need also to show God-like compassion for the human needs that confront us daily. The earthy shape note tune provides a further reminder that we must not lose our heads in the clouds.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

(G) (Em7) (A) (D) (Bm) (A)
 B^b Gm7 C F Dm C

powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -
 ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to
 mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us

(Em7) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)
 Gm7 Am B^b C F

at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

Jim Rogers

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

(silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
To this peace we are called as members of a single body.
Please greet or respond to one another;
*The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME

Sean Smith

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ANTHEM

When Silence Filled the Formless Night

Richard Shepard

Sanctuary Singers

When silence filled the formless night and worlds unmade in darkness waited, God spoke the word and gave us light, and loved what he created. Beyond the ancient writer's art the word affirms our primal story: How love illuminates the heart as heav'n declares his glory. His voice still speaks through clouded years, past prisons of our own devising, and still to shadowed lives appears the brightness of his rising. He comes in Pentecostal flame, in tongues unloosed, in bondage broken; to all united by his name the word of life is spoken. Let there be light and hearts be stirred to know in Christ their sun ascending; In our beginning is the word, and in the word our ending.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5 (pg. 1)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

Puffer Jones, baritone (hymn 490)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-11 (pg. 34)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

My Beloved

Rev. John McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*LITANY FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Leader: O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

People: Help us Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

People: Strengthen us Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

People: Welcome your children Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

People: Praise be to God! Amen.

*HYMN 483

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LIEBSTER JESU

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here 483

1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
 2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, and we would o -
 3 This is why we come to you, in our arms this
 4 Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take your

mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly, here your grace we view.
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne;

in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
 heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter
 Let this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be
 Way of life, to heav - en lead it; pre - cious Vine, let

shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, and my king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.

As the similarity of their opening lines suggests (they are identical in German), this text for the baptism of a child was written in imitation of the sermon hymn "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (no. 395), which is the text usually associated with the tune they share.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Improvisation on CRASHING WATERS* (hymn 476)

John L. Edwards

*PRESENTATION HYMN *Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on OMNI DIE (Trier) (hymn 493)

John L. Edwards

PW Winter Fundraiser

It's not too late to get your FPC mug! Each mug is \$12. You can email office@fpcokc.org to order or fill out an order form at fpcokc.org/pw.

You can pay for your mug(s) in two ways:

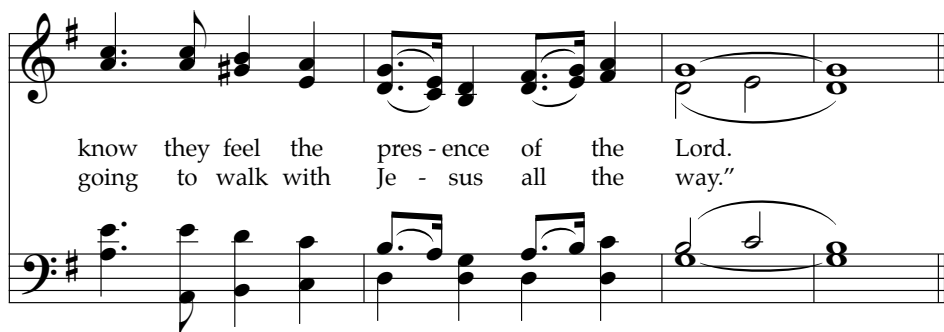
- At church: Place your cash or check (payable to Presbyterian Women) in PW's mailbox.
- Venmo App: Send to @pwfpcokc and put "mug" in memo area.

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Upcoming Events

Three Kings Day Craft Event — Today | 4:00 p.m.

Did you know that the 12 days of Christmas begin on Christmas and end on January 6? January 6 is called Epiphany or Three Kings Day. It marks the official end of Christmas and the day that the Three Kings found baby Jesus in the manger and declared him the Son of God. Such an awesome event needs celebrating, and we will celebrate via Zoom on January 10. We will do a craft together (the materials were included in your January SS bag), read a story and enjoy each other's fellowship!

Link | Meeting ID: 843 2372 4826 | Passcode: 606943

Presbyterian Women

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, January 12 | 10:00 a.m.

Link

Meeting ID: 875 3976 2553

Passcode: 067653

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, January 12 | 1:30 p.m.

Link

Meeting ID: 810 5288 3174

Passcode: 056149

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, January 19 | 6:00p.m.

Link

Meeting ID: 835 8722 7447

Passcode: 680996

KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, January 13 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pick up a delicious KirkNight To-go meal this January! To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com. Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

Family Meal for 4-6: \$20 | Dessert \$5.00 | **Meal for 2:** \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

Menu: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, and Garlic Bread with Oatmeal Scotchies

Yoga — Wednesday, January 13 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Yoga is back! We will meet in Watchorn Hall, allowing us to spread out and maintain social distancing.