



River, John August Swanson

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2022

10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*LITANY FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And as Jesus was coming out of the water,
the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

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.**

Remembering the grace God has poured out upon us and trusting in the future God has promised to us, let us give thanks to God for the gift of baptism.

Marked, claimed, cleansed, and called, through the gift of baptism,
we are yours, O God.

Your breath moved over chaos in the beginning.
Your feet danced with Miriam at the edge of the sea.
Your voice tore through the clouds at the river Jordan.
Your heart broke on the cross when you poured out your life for us.
Your hands caught fish for Easter breakfast on the shoreline.
Your tears water your thirsty world as the rain.
Your fingers mark our foreheads with abiding grace, perfect freedom, holy truth.
Through the gift of baptism,
we are yours, O God.

You wash us with grace, you anoint us with promise.
You feed us with mercy, you fill us with joy.
Fruit of the earth, watered and fed, we remember:
in baptism we are risen to new life in Christ—
forgiven sinners, beloved children of the covenant.

Through the gift of baptism,
we are yours, O God.

Thanks and praise to you, O holy, triune God, today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.
Thanks be to God.

As the Gloria Patri is sung, the congregation is sprinkled with water.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 475)

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fix'd upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ps. 29:7; Luke 3:21-22

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Isaiah 43:1-7 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Through the Waters”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Book of Order, W-3.0402

Baptism is the sign and seal of our incorporation into Jesus Christ. In his own baptism, Jesus identified himself with sinners—yet God claimed him as a beloved Son, and sent the Holy Spirit to anoint him for service. In his ministry, Jesus offered the gift of living water. Through the baptism of his suffering and death, Jesus set us free from the power of sin forever. After he rose from the dead, Jesus commissioned his followers to go and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to obey his commands. The disciples were empowered by the outpouring of the Spirit to continue Jesus’ mission and ministry, inviting others to join this new way of life in Christ. As Paul wrote, through the gift of Baptism we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11).

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

We are Not Alone
Dillon Greene, Soloist

Choplin

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Diane Bowers*

Communion Servers: *Deanna & Lloyd Wehrung*



The Life of the Church

The Owensboro NAACP's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration will be hosted here at First Presbyterian Church next Sunday, January 16 at 2:00pm. This community-wide event will include guest speaker Rev. Charles Johnson of Henderson, KY, and music from the Kentucky Wesleyan Gospel Choir. Please plan to attend!

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.



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the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,
and to join God in the building of a
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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