

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:6-7

Anthem

“Lord, Who Knows My Heart”

by Daniel Burton

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

“Known by a Watermark: Called to Life”

Hymn of Response

“We Are Called”

GTG#749

Sending

Go into the world as God's beloved children.

We will go to share the gift of grace which flows from God's heart.

Go into the world as baptized sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We will go to bring the light of hope to all in despair.

Go into the world as those filled with the Holy Spirit.

We will go to hear the whispered yearnings for peace and reconciliation.

Benediction

Postlude

“Let There Be Joy”

by Beatrice A. Miller

(Please remain seated)

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Heather Perryman, David Clark, Brenna Takata,
C. B. Strange, and David Parris

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

Bathed in the waters of baptism, we are graced people. Graced people, we recognize the gifts which have been poured out upon us. Recognizing these gifts, we take them and give them back to you, God of the waters, so that others might be bathed in hope, graced with joy, gifted with your peace and love. Amen.

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the glory of
God, and in loving memory of Ronnell D. Belton
by his family.*

BAPTISM of the LORD

“I, the LORD, have called you for
justice, I have grasped
you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as
a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.”

Isaiah 42:6-7

First Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021

DRAWN IN TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S GRACE

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. ***Please note: There will be no congregational singing.

Welcome and Invocation

Prelude *"Prelude in Classic Style"* Gordon Young

Call to Worship

On that first day, when time began:

you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own.

Hymn of Praise *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* **GTG#475**

Call to Reconciliation

You and I are now the ones who step forth out of the safe waters of baptism, to bring hope, to share a word of grace, to carry healing into the brokenness of the lives around us. Let us confess how we still struggle to follow in faith wherever Jesus leads us. Join me as we pray, saying,

Timeless God, you cast Light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved.

Forgive us:

**when we still linger in the shadows;
when we treat others in hurtful ways;
when we speak ill of your friends.**

As he knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Child, pointing to him as the way to you.

Forgive us:

**when we put ourselves ahead of him;
when we think he is no longer needed;
when we fail to see him in the broken of our world.**

Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time.

Forgive us:

**when we fail to welcome the stranger;
when we refuse to forgive as we should;
when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Touched by the waters of life, fed at the feast of grace and hope, embraced in the warmth of God's love and hopes - this is good news!

Blessed by baptism's tears, called to servanthood by the Beloved, filled with the peace of the Spirit, we are indeed God's people - redeemed, restored, refreshed to serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Young Disciples

Pastor Beth

Prayers of the People

"You Are Mine"

GTG#177

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near

Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 fixed 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, Wondering 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 thy 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.

We Are Called

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of
God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and violence will be no
more! (Refrain)

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in
love! (Refrain)

AIDS TO WORSHIP

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.