FIRST IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2020 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE Andante Religioso Felix Mendelssohn

Sonata 4 in Bb Major

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 29

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

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

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

People: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*HYMN No. 210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we

are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

^{*} Those who are able are invited to stand.

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 579

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.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

ANTHEM The Lone, Wild Bird Ruth Elaine Schram

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with you, nor leaves your sight. And I am yours! I rest in you. Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.

Each secret thought is known to you, the path I walk my whole life through; my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears, my deepest joys, my silent tears.

The ends of earth are in your hand, the sea's dark deep, and far off land. And I am yours! I rest in you. Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too. Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

SERMON *Orphan Train* Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN No. 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY Chorale on "Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan" Duprë *DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN No. 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hyfrydol

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE Allegro con Brio Felix Mendelssohn
Sonata 4

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 15, 6:00 p.m.

Pork Loin, Corn Pudding, Lima Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING CHURCH OFFICERS

Our most sincere thanks go to the following officers who will complete their terms of service this month. Your work is deeply appreciated.

ELDERS – Jeff Campbell, David Foutch, Carol Turner, Scott Williams

DEACONS – Jonathan Bouton, Mary Margaret Farris

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 – If you would like to provide flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones on a particular Sunday in 2020, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360.

YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade) – Wednesday 6 pm

Souper Bowl of Caring – The children and youth of First Presbyterian are excited to partner with thousands of churches across the country to participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring," a canned food drive to tackle hunger in our community. Please bring a canned food and or a dollar to your Sunday School classes or to the church office until February 2 to help us reach our goal of collecting more than 100 pounds of food.

THIS WEEK AT FPC					
Today		Wednesday			
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal		
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting		
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice		
5:00 p.m.	Combined Officers	Thursday			
_	Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Preschool		
6:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Praise Team		
6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Friday			
Monday	· ·	Saturday			
6:00 p.m.	Disciple Class	7:00 p.m.	Compassionate		
Tuesday	•	_	Hands		
9:00 a.m.	Preschool				

ELDERS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Pat Bone	Suanne Bone	Becky Burris
Robin Orewiler	Don Goodwin	Jessica Fain
Wayne Patton	Adrienne Johnson	Sara Sloane
Kim Wall	David Howell	Mickey Stueck

DIACONATE

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Sondra Bishop	Becky Harm	Jack Emmert
Marty Bone	Lee Lyle	Marilyn Peyton
Linda Gatlin	Sandra Patton	Laura Simmons
Pat Hatcher	Emily Peyton	Margaret Ann Trail

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – John Foutch
Budget & Finance –
Buildings and Grounds – David Foutch
Christian Education – Wayne Patton
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Robin Orewiler
Personnel – Jeff Campbell
Worship – Carol Turner

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

ChildrenAdultNurseryAtypical ClassPreschool – 1st GradeCross Roads ClassElementary ClassFaith Builders ClassMiddle School ClassWestminster ClassHigh School ClassWomen's Class

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