

"I surely rejoice
in the Lord;"

Isaiah 61:10 CEB

Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN

Sunday Online Worship

January 10th, 2021

Community Worship on Zoom
Livestream/Replay on Facebook

Baptism of the Lord – January 10th, 2021

How can we pray for you?

Let us know at prayerrequests@gpcfw.org or in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:00 – Zoom Meeting and Facebook Livestream Start

Join us for a chat in the Zoom Meeting before the service!

10:25 – Zoom Fellowship Ends/Pre-Recorded Prelude

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts

Sue Creager

Welcome

Pastor Rob Brown

Call to Worship – Psalm 29:1-4 ESV

Tyler Bowers

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due [God's] name;

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Opening Hymn

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession – Borrowed from The Worship Sourcebook

God of all mercy, in our baptisms you have marked us as your own; you have given us a new identity and made us part of the body of Christ. In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life and to live together in community.

However, we have not been faithful to your call. We have forged our own identity and held to destructive habits. We confess we have failed to welcome others, broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters, and served ourselves more than you. Forgive us, we pray, and strengthen us to turn away from our brokenness and toward your light.

Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

In the name of our brother, our savior, and our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...you are forgiven

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Song of Assurance

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Passing the Peace

Leader: The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Leader: Let us take a moment, wave to each other on Zoom, send a message of peace to each other on Facebook, and invite the peace of Christ into our worship.

Zoom Users: If you are able, make sure your webcam is on and you are set to "Gallery View"

Time of Music and Meditation

Sue Creager

Prayer for Illumination

Tyler Bowers

Children's Message

Tyler Bowers

Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5 CEB

Tyler Bowers

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth— ² the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters— ³ God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. ⁴ God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11 CEB

Pastor Rob Brown

⁴ John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. ⁵ Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. ⁶ John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven

splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹ And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

Sermon and Remembrance of Baptism

Pastor Rob Brown

Affirming our Faith:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God’s help**

Let us come together as one voice and affirm our faith together:

**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.**

Remembrance of Baptism:

For this part of the service, we invite you to have a small vessel of water. A seashell may also be a helpful item for you.

Hymn

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Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Rob Brown

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.

A Word on Offering

Tyler Bowers

Offertory

Sue Creager

Announcements

Tyler Bowers

Closing Hymn

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Charge and Benediction

Pastor Rob Brown

Postlude

Worship Leaders and Technology Help:

Vocal Musician: Cathy German

Instrumental Musician: Sue Creager

Lay Leader: Tyler Bowers

Technology: Todd German and Brian Zimmerman

Announcements:

Annual Reports: The new year here, and so your annual reports are needed! 2020 was...interesting...to say the least, and reports will probably look different than other years. If you need help – or need to know if you are one who need to create an annual report – please let Holly or Pastor Rob know!

Zoom Fellowship: Coffee Fellowship Thursday at 11! And help Pastor Rob come up with other remote fellowship ideas!

Good Work! (From Betsy): Many thanks to the Grace Deacons who provided meals to the guests of the new Emergency Warming Shelter during Christmas week. What was originally planned as a small number of meals the week prior to serve Just Neighbors morphed into a much bigger request! On behalf of Just Neighbors, St. Joseph Missions, the warming center guests, and myself many thanks to Cindy & Tyler Bowers, JoAnn Getz, Jill & Bill Werling, the German family, and our friends at First Presbyterian for providing wonderful home-cooked meals to 40-50 men & women throughout Christmas Week. It was truly a blessing! It appears there will be an opportunity to do this again this winter so if you are interested in signing up for a night(s) in January please let me know & I will plug us into the schedule. Betsy Kachmar 740-7168

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 13th: Carol Courtney's Birthday

January 15th: Cate Callahan's Birthday

January 16th: Alice Bauman's Birthday

Prayer Requests

Continued struggles with the pandemic, including isolation and mental health concerns.

Zoom Instructions

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:00 for fellowship time; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468

Password: 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 9712063468

Password: 030414

If you have any questions before Sunday, can call Pastor Rob at (260) 267-5367

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1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11 with refrain

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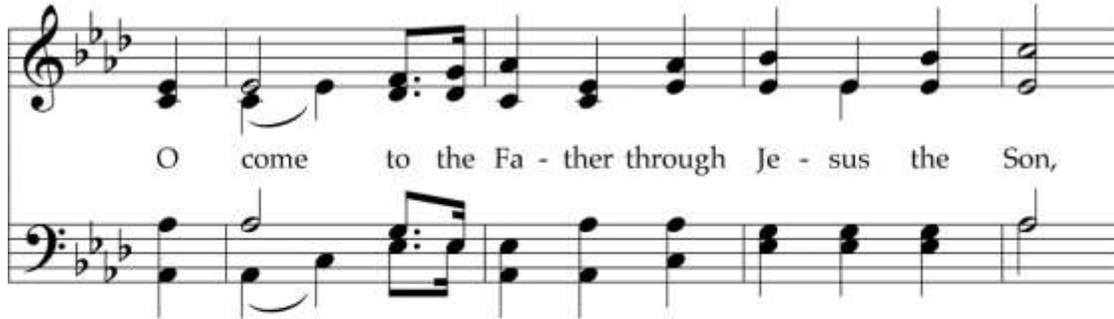
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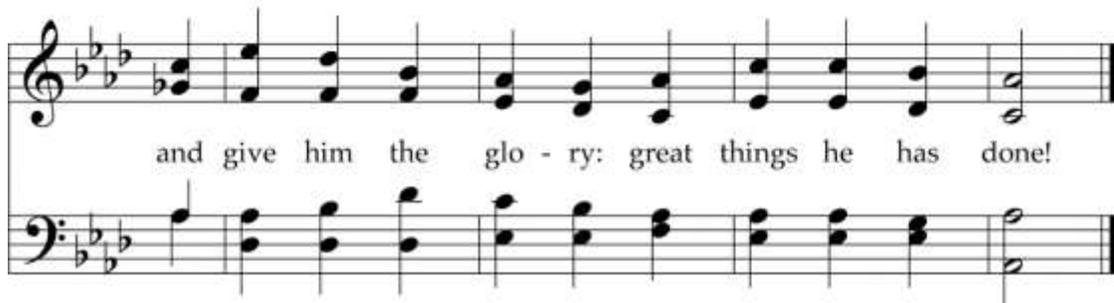
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

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FORGIVENESS

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We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
 Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN
 10.8.10.8

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BAPTISM

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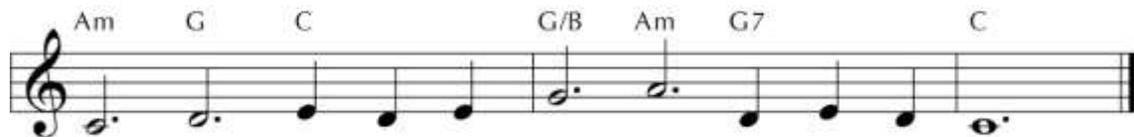
Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

TEXT: Michael A. Saward, 1981
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
 Text © 1982 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
 Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN
 5.5.8.5.5.9

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Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

TAKE ME TO THE WATER
Irregular

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