



**January 10, 2021, 10:30 am
The Baptism of Our Lord**



As we prepare for worship, please send your prayer requests by way of the "chat" function on Zoom or send a message through Facebook.

Order of Worship

Prelude	Musician Patrice Meschke
Welcome	Pastor Heidi Vardeman
Gathering Hymn #339	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art --
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Call to Worship

Thanks be to God who has called us into service and signed us up for a long and storied journey.

We have been shown much mercy since we enrolled as pilgrims in the faith.

Today we re-commit ourselves to move forward.

We do not know just what we may encounter. The mysteries of God are many and the will of God is often hard to track.

Today we remember the beginning of Jesus' ministry, his baptism by John in the Jordan.

May we remember our own baptisms—and the confirmation we made of the promises our parents made on our behalf.

Hymn #492, vs. 1

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Confession of Sin

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor, ignore cries for justice and do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia and amen!

Song of Rejoicing

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Passing the Peace

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

The pastor will now "unmute" all participants. Add video if you are on Zoom. Please greet one another by waving, smiling, or saying "Peace!"

Concerns of The Church

Special Music

Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and

he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Sermon

"New Birth"

Hymn #281, verse 1

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

If you are on Zoom and able to "chat" you can share your prayer concern by clicking "everyone" or you can send a private message to Peace Presbyterian. If you are watching on Facebook, you can write your prayer as a comment on the livestream.

Prayers of The People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Offertory

Doxology #591

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn #492, vs. 3

Baptized in Water

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children
Joyfully now God's praises we sing**

Benediction

Fellowship

Join us after the Zoom worship service for fellowship!