

Order of Service – January 10, 2021 – 9:00am
John Knox Presbyterian Church
Baptism of Jesus

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Passing of Peace – Cindy Hiday

*The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **Peace be with you!***

Call to Worship – Cindy Hiday

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

People: then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.

Leader: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

People: The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

Leader: then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn #159 – “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” (all verses)

O sing a song of Bethlehem,
of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them
from angels in the air.

The light that shone on Bethlehem
fills all the world today.

Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
the angels sing always.

O sing a song of Nazareth,
of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
and of the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth
in every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of his dear name
on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee,
of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea
and bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee,
dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word,
falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary,
its glory and dismay,
of him who hung upon the tree,

and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary
is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,
is mighty now to save.

Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1899
English County Songs, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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Prayer of Confession – Cindy Hiday

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Cindy Hiday

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,
so God says to each of us:

People: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response: “Glory Be to the Father” – Hymn #581

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.

Trad. liturgical text
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Children’s Message – William Almodovar

Prayer for Illumination – Cindy Hiday

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God – tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children, so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Message – “Our Baptismal Calling” - Frank Mansell

Hymn #482 – “Baptized in Water” (all verses)

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.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

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.

“Baptized in Water” text: Michael J. Seward, 1981

Music: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant – Frank Mansell and Lisa Crismore

Words of Scripture

Profession of Faith:

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

People: I do.

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and in his love?

People: I do.

Leader: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God’s help.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle’s Creed (unison)

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joys and Concerns / Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer – Lisa Crismore

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.

Moment of Giving – Frank Mansell

Hymn #475 – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (all verses)

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,
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.

Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813
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Benediction and Blessing – Frank Mansell

Postlude

Announcements:

- Please keep your mask on at all times.
- Please only hum on the hymns/praise songs – please do not sing.
- As begin a new year, remember that one way you can beautify our worship space each week is through the gift of flowers! There is a calendar on the bulletin board outside the church office that you can sign your name for a particular Sunday. Or feel free to contact Amy Willis in the church office to sign-up or have her order flowers for a week this year.
- The church office will remain closed during the week throughout January – but you can contact us by calling the office number and if needed, making an appointment to come in.
- This year has been very hard, most especially for those of us who have experienced grief and the loss of loved ones. If you are struggling after the death of someone close to you, know that Frank Mansell is interested in leading another GriefShare class in January. Please contact Frank Mansell with questions or to learn more (317-291-0308 or jkpcpastor@comcast.net).
- Annual Congregational Meeting in 2021! The Session has designated Sunday, January 24, 2pm, for both the ordination and installation of officers, as well as our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will have a normal worship schedule that Sunday - worship services at 9am & 11am, both in-person and online (if that should change between now and then, we will make sure you know in plenty of time).

Prayer Requests

Barbara Krieger; The Family of Linda Vanderhart (Barb Weetman's Cousin-in-law); Brian Smith & Amanda (Karen Doty's Cousin & Niece); Ann Owen; The Family of Francis McCracken; Laney & Levi Chisholm; Cheryl Fultz; Mindy Fultz (Danny Fultz's daughter in-law); Barbara Brown; J. & Wanda Stanley; Ruth Ann Hogsett; Alberta Montgomery; Jim Dean (Pat Dean's husband); Jim Clifton; Russel Heath; Kay Adams; Alice McGinnis (Mary Carter's Mother); Jeff Roberts; Nell Fields (Mother of Vicki Breece); Ann Owen; Nilcéia Regina Oliveira (Paula Lamey's mother); *Prayer requests will be listed for 3 weeks, then removed in order to keep this list timely & pertinent. However, if your request is an on-going concern, please indicate that on your request.*

We Give Thanks to God

- Jennifer & Mckinzie Harris (Jim & Pat Dean's Daughter & Granddaughter) are recovering & doing well at home.
- Betty Dunkel is feeling much better.