

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 8, 2017

Worship 11:00am

Baptism of the Lord

+ All who are able may stand

Regular type, one speaks; bold type, everyone speaks.

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: In the beginning the glory of God was.

P: The strength and glory of God was over the waters.

L: The waters became land, the land became people.

P: The land became bread, the bread became life.

L: Let us praise God for water, soil, bread and life!

P: Let us praise God, whose glory lives in each one of us.

+Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: **God of creation and redemption, be present with us today as we worship you and share your love with one another. Lead us to live more fully in your way, the way of water and the spirit. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together: *Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.***

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Call to Reconciliation

We are but imperfect human beings, created by God as good but fallen short of God's intention for our existence. Let us admit our errors and seek God's grace; let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and forgiveness, in our baptism you call us to be your people, not only for our own reclamation but for the reclamation of the world. Yet for many of us it has become only a rite of passage instead of the life changing event it is meant to be. Forgive us, O Lord, and in the remembrance of our baptisms today, let us become those who live not for ourselves but for and in the way of Jesus, the baptized. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness *(from the font)*

When we receive the waters of life we are reborn, cleansed and made new. See and hear the waters of your baptism, and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

In the waters of baptism we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response of Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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Passing of the Peace

L: By offering the peace of Christ to one another, we recognize each other's place in the family of God. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a handshake and/ or the exchange of the peace.

Anthem

Come to the Water

Choplin

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination	<i>O Lord, Hear Our Prayer</i>	STF2200
Second Reading	Matthew 2:13-23	
Hymn	<i>Lord, When You Came to Jordan</i>	#71
Sermon	The Scandal of Baptism	Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication** **Musical Offering**

+Response of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn *Song of Hope* #432

+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude