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Worship, January 9, 2022, 11:15 am

Baptism of the Lord

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters

P: Calling us all to remember our baptism

L: Jesus came to John at the Jordan and entered the water

P: We remember and we follow the example of Jesus.

Let us pray: **Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior.**

Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 212-213). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

+Song: *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Call to Confession

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

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 one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Pardon

L: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.214). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise *Go Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)*
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Anthem *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children. Amen.

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Scripture Reading **Isaiah 43:1-7** But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Hymn *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (70)*

Gospel Reading **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glory to you, O God— your voice is over the waters, full of power and majesty. Your word shakes the wilderness and blesses us with peace.

We give you thanks and praise for the new thing you have done in Jesus Christ our Savior. Baptized by John in the Jordan, you anointed him with your Holy Spirit and claimed him as your beloved Son.

We give you thanks and praise that by the grace of our baptism, you have claimed us as well and poured out the gifts of your Spirit so that we might be dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus.

Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us. Empower us to love and serve you and live as your faithful people, bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Response of Praise *Baptized in Water v.3*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked by the sign of Christ, our king.

Born of the Spirit, we are God's children joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Offering Prayer

In response to God's goodness, let us give thanks to God. Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who is the light of the world. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus, saying: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Moment of silence) Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will. Through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

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Taking the Word into the World

+Song: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (356)*

+Charge and Benediction

+Stand as you are able

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.
 The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
 With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled
 To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
 By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
 Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! All is just and all is right;
 To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
 An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing;
 As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band;
 To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises
 That all may hear my grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
 Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part;
 To God all praise and glory!

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came;
 As peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "my beloved son", the suffering servant true,
 Sent you the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.

Straight-way and steadfast until death you then obeyed God's call.
 Freely as the son of man to serve and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord. Your cross on us be signed,
 That, likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.