



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach. All are welcome, and we are so pleased to have you with us this morning as we gather to praise God.

GUESTS

We extend a special welcome to you! Whether this is your first visit with us or your 100th visit, it is a gift to have you among us. In the absence of our usual sign in pads in the pews, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Dee Dee Carson before or after the service, or by phone or email. We are excited you are here and look forward to welcoming you into the life of the church through our ministries. You can find more information on our church website: www.firstpresvb.org.

If you ever struggle to hear while in our Sanctuary, we have a few options that might help you. First, you can see one of our ushers for a hearing device that fits over your ear and might assist you. Second, our Sanctuary has a hearing loop installed on the main floor. If you use hearing aids that are equipped with a T-coil, you are able to connect your hearing aids directly into our sound system. Please see an usher for instructions on how to connect your hearing aids into our system.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Items in bold indicate congregational participation. * invites you to stand in body or in spirit. Please silence all mobile devices prior to the start of the service. Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but you may place your gifts in plates located in the Narthex or use the QR code on the back of the bulletin to make an electronic offering.

January 9, 2022

THE GATHERING

GREETING

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us welcome one another with the peace of Christ.

VOLUNTARY

When Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came

Setting by Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In baptism, God calls us by name.

People: In baptism, God claims us as God's own.

Leader: Just as Jesus Christ was anointed with water and the Spirit, so are we.

People: Remembering Christ's baptism, we also remember our own.

Leader: This day, let us give thanks to God, who welcomes all of us as beloved children.

OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are precious in your sight, O God, yet often we forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love can be fickle and inconstant. Our way of life can harm others and hurt your world. Forgive us, O God, for all of our mistakes that we are aware of and for those we are unaware of. Create in us a clean heart, reconcile us to one another and to you, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

(silent prayers and confession)

* KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Elizabeth Ansley Reed, daughter of John and Ashley Reed

THE WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN: SPIRIT BOX

Following this time, children may return to their seats or:

During the 11:00 service, children 4yrs - 2nd grade may join Jacqui Horton for Wonders of Worship in the Chapel.

Children may reconnect with families on the Colonnade.

Children 2-3 yrs old will join caregivers in room 211 and may be picked up after both services.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

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. When 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. For 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. Because 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. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I 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—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

ANTHEM

Wade in De Water

Arranged by H. T. Burleigh

Wade in de water, Wade in de water, children, Wade in the de water,
God's agoin' to trouble de water See dat band all dress'd in white,
God's agoin' to trouble de water. Leader looks like de Israelite
God's agoin' to trouble de water.

Wade in de water, Wade in de water, children, Wade in de water,
God's agoin' to trouble de water, See dat band all dressed in red,
God's agoin' to trouble de water. It looks like de band dat Moses led.
Gods agoin' to trouble de water, Wade in de water, Wade in the de
water, children, Wade in de water, in de water, God; s agoin'
to trouble de water.

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 3 :15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John 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. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and 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."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dee Dee Carson

THE RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

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.

CELEBRATION OF OFFERING

ANTHEM (11:00 am)

Shall We Gather At The River?

Setting by John Carter

Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

Deep river, My home is over Jordon, Deep river, I want to cross over
into camp ground. Yes we will gather at the river, The beautiful, the
beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the
throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the silver river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.
Yes we will gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SENDING

* HYMN 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

* BENEDICTION

* VOLUNTARY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Setting by Mark Sedio

THE FLOWERS today are given by the Lowery family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joann Lowery.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by the grace and truth of Christ, we nurture one another's faith to do God's work in the world.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church approved the above statement in and affirmed the following ten values to guide the leaders of our church as they prayerfully plan for our congregation's future.

Values that Reach UP

Worship
Preaching
Music
Prayer
Bible Teaching

Values that Reach OUT

Ministries that serve the community
Congregational Care
Financial Stewardship
Early Childhood Christian Education
Family

The Reverend Dee Dee Carson, *Pastor*

Jacqui Horton, *Director of Christian Education*

The Reverend Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam, *Director of Youth Ministries*

Randy DuVall, *Commissioned Pastor and Director of Missions*

David S. Kunkel, *Music Director*

Kimberly Markham Nickerson, *Assistant Music Director*

Belinda Valet, *Director of Children's Music and Handbells*

Dr. Antoinette Anglin, *Organist*

SESSION

Sallie Bryant, Leslie Cutchins, Kyle Davila, Becky Davison (Clerk), Hunter Frischkorn, Savannah Gentry (Youth Representative), Christine Harris, Paul Hirschbiel, Stuart Nesbit, Shannan Poteran, Don Schultz, Thomas Spencer, Mark Winters.

TRUSTEES

Sandy Cowden, Gael Daugherty, Diane Feineis, Ed Hurt, Hunter Sims.



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