



Baptism of the Lord • January 10, 2021

Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

Living God, maker of light, thank you for the gift of this day. Let me be a light in your world so that people will look at me and see the goodness of your creation; in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor

G. F. Handel

Jesus, Sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, Thou, my Friend most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring, at Thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, Thy glory, given. Jesus, Bread of life, I pray Thee, let me gladly here obey Thee, by Thy love I am invited, be Thy love with love requited; from this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gifts Thou here dost give me as Thy guest in heav'n receive me.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Here is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world!

The One on whom the Spirit descended

is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

* HYMN 375

Shall We Gather at the River

Hanson Place

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* ACT OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 1

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord

Z. Highben

Now John baptized with water, but the Lord baptizes with the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you; the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone has done wondrous things.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Vicki Sumner

(Children will remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)

* **HYMN 164** Down Galilee's Slow Roadways West Main
GOSPEL READING John 1:29-34 (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 92
Thanks be to God.
SERMON The One Who Baptizes with the Holy Spirit Rev. Mark Hults
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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; on 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**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* **THE 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

* **HYMN 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy
* **BENEDICTION**
* **POSTLUDE** Concerto in F G. F. Handel

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Vicki Sumner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

VIDEO: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl

SOUND: Dink Henderson

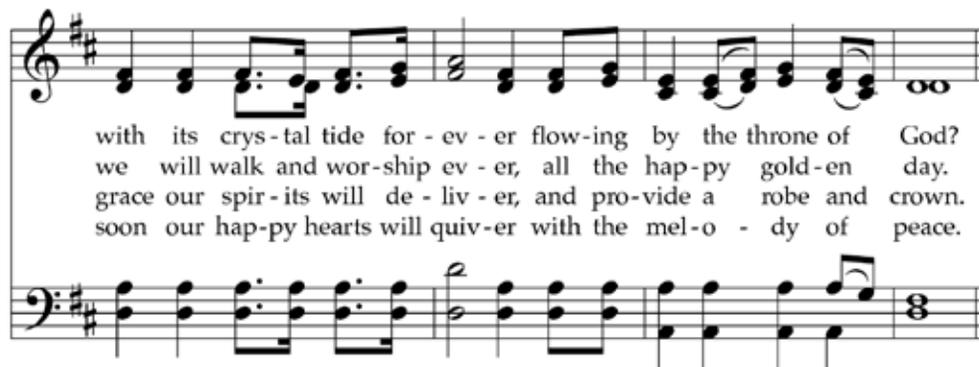
QUINTET: Alanna Parfait, Megan Sabella, alto; Elijah Adongo, tenor; Colin Hall, Simon Lynch, bass

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Kay Koons upon the passing of her husband, Don Koons, who joined the Church Triumphant on December 28, 2020.

375 Shall We Gather at the River

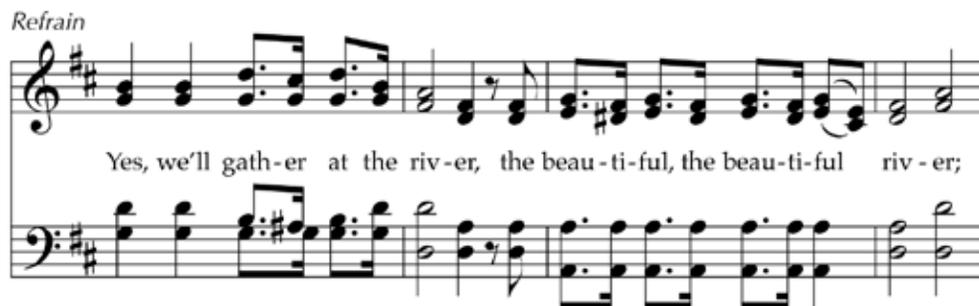


1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

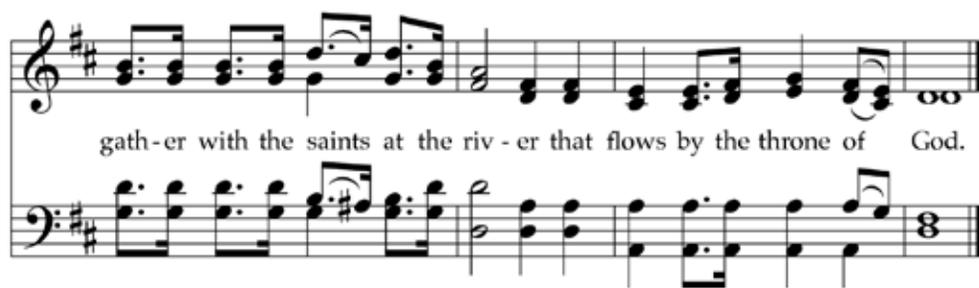


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE
8.7.8.7 with refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways 164

Capo 3: (A9) (D/A) (A9) (Dsus)(D)
 C9 F/C C9 Fsus F

1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.

(A9) (D/A) (G) (F#m)
 C9 F/C B^b Am

from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm) (F#m) (Gmaj7) (F#m7) (Em) (A/C#)(Bsus)(Bm)
 Dm Am B^bmaj7 Am7 Gm C/E Dsus Dm

He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (Asus)(A7) (D)
 B^b F/A Gm7 B^b/C Csus C7 F

but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

When reviewing baptismal resources with other members of the United Church of Canada's Working Unit on Worship, the author was struck by how few hymns had been written for adult baptism. This meditative text on the Baptism of Jesus is an effort to remedy that situation.

TEXT: Sylvia C. Dunstan, 1991

MUSIC: John D. Horman, 1998

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WEST MAIN

7.6.7.6.D

(alternate tune: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN)

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GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-34 (NRSV)

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
 8.7.8.7.D

GLORIFY GOD

Lend a Hand: We are in need of volunteers tomorrow morning, January 11 starting at 10 a.m. to help take the Christmas decorations down. Start the new year with service. Please call Marilyn Foote at 352-318-5975 to sign-up.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Children's Worship Guides: Print and Digital versions of our children's worship guides are available for your use as you participate in worship. Links to the digital version can be found in the Weekly Invite emails from the church. We encourage your family to discuss worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship: Stay informed and connected to the ministries of our church with a Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship. This email goes out on Sunday mornings and provides weekly devotionals, reflective readings, mission opportunities, and other helpful information for ways to stay connected during this time of social distancing as an act of loving our neighbors. Want to join the email list? Please contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org.

Confirmation Class: Our Confirmation class of 2021 will resume their Zoom gatherings from 4:30-5:15 p.m. this Monday, January 11. This year as our students go through confirmation, they are learning about the essentials of our faith and worship as they also work on writing their own statements of faith. The class is lead by Rev. Mark Hults, Andy Vloedman, and Vicki Sumner. Please pray for these students as they learn to put their faith into actions and words.

Connections: This week our children and youth are invited to engage in a form Digital Discipleship called *Connections*. We will gather on Zoom for a time to see and connect with church friends, hear a scripture message, play games, and make a joyful noise with a variety of musical instruments. *Connections* will be lead by Ms. Vicki, Dr. Coffey, Mr. Mitch, Mr. Simon, and guests. Join us to see what it's all about!

Youth Opportunity to Assist in Worship: Our sixth through twelfth grade students are invited to participate in serving as lay readers (in-person) during our 11 a.m. worship services on January 17, January 24, January 31, and February 7. A Sign-Up Genius invite has gone out to all youth families and all can contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org with questions.

College Trajectory Bible Study is meeting on Zoom. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at college@1stpc.org.

Young Adult Ministry: We are meeting regularly via Zoom. For more information on Young Adult Ministry or specifically on these meetings, please email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

The Gordon Hoover Class is Zooming on Sundays at a new time of 9:00 a.m. Connect by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome! This Sunday is Luke 2. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Jayne Fox, Lib Harrer, Emily Hoyer, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, Matt Roland, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, Joe Mueller, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

Support our Mission and Ministries: Every gift makes a difference and directly funds our mission. Online contributions can be made through your computer or smart phone. Go to 1stpc.org and click the red Pushpay icon. Give to the General Budget or specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text Contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba at business@1stpc.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued generosity to our church, especially during the pandemic.

FPC Figures for December 31

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,577
Pledged and Loosed Offerings	\$16,766
YTD General Budget Requirements	\$405,000
YTD Actual General Budget Receipts	\$521,020

FPC Figures for January 3

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,577
Pledged and Loosed Offerings	\$1,490
YTD General Budget Requirements	\$420,577
YTD Actual General Budget Receipts	\$522,710

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