



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 11, 2009

Eleven o'clock

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE GATHERING

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

**Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE Christ, Our Lord, to the Jordan Came J. S. Bach

* HYMN 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Duke Street

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a day of new beginnings.

People: This is a time to remember the beginnings of the ministry of Jesus.

Leader: From the moment of his baptism by John,

People: Jesus understood his call from God.

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to hear your call to us.

People: Give us the wisdom and courage to follow you always.

INTROIT

Quinn

*The Lord has shown forth his glory; Come let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever; Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Paul Platek

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, throughout Scripture we read of those to whom you spoke in various ways. We long to hear your words addressed to us, but too often we are so overwhelmed by uncertainty about the future, or feelings of powerlessness in the present, that we fail to recognize you communicating to us. We long to hear your words addressed to us as your beloved people. Forgive us for listening to - and even believing - voices that call us worthless and unlovable. Loving and merciful God, forgive us when we allow our fears and our worries to stifle your voice of love. As you spoke so clearly to Jesus, speak to us also so that your words of love resonate in every corner of our being and we know that we too are your beloved, on whom your favor rests. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579

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, Amen.*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*)

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

+ Children and Youth leave for their classes +

* HYMN 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Morecambre

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1-5

SOLO I Bind Unto Myself Today St. Patrick's Breastplate
CARSON BAKER, TENOR

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:4-11

SERMON “Talking To You” Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY The Waters of Life James Biery

*The Father's voice calls us, above the waters, The glory of the Son shines on us,
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.*

* THE DOXOLOGY Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 492

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude

Joel Martinson

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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.

³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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