

# Baptized

*An all-church study  
on the practice of  
baptismal life*



**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF LAKE FOREST

**January 16, 2022**  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient and wise*

## Prayer of the Day

*God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.*

## Prelude

Promised Land

Southern Harmony, arr. Ralph Simpson, 2003

## The Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

Stephen M. Fearing

Leader: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

**People: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.**

Leader: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

**People We will not fear, for God is with us!**

Leader: The rivers shall not overwhelm us, for God is our guide and our protector.

**People: Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.**

Leader: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

**People: ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA

## \*Prayer of Confession

God of deliverance, you once parted the sea so that your people could cross from bondage and oppression to freedom, and yet we often doubt you are at work, and we believe that miracles don't exist in the world anymore. We act as though we have forgotten that you gave us Jesus who knows our suffering, the Holy Spirit who empowers us, and one another as companions on the journey. We act as if we are all in the same boat, but we are not. Our boats are very different, and some are sinking, and some are drowning. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: When the waters threaten to overwhelm us, God promises to be with us.  
Through the waters of baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are raised with Christ to life full of promise.  
Beloved children of God, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

## \*Sung Response NO. 492

You Belong to Christ

TUNE: YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two staves are for the second line. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap-tized. al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.'

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## **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **Words For Children**

Following the Word For Children, preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> graders may leave for Faith Building class. After worship, please pick up your children from room 215.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

God of steadfast love, through the waters of the Red Sea you showed forth your salvation as you led your people. As we read now from your Holy Word, open our hearts and confirm in us your saving love. Amen.

## **A Reading from Scripture**

Exodus 14:10-31

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Cross the Divide"

Jim Cochrane

## \*Hymn of Response NO. 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

TUNE: NOEL

## Offertory

Go Down, Moses

Spiritual, arr. Adolphus Hailstork, 1994

## \*Doxology

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

# Sharing our Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People and 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.

## \*Hymn Of Sending NO. 772

Live into Hope

*TUNE: TRURO*

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Postlude

Fanfare on "Go Down, Moses" and "I Want to Be Ready" arr. Charles Callahan, 1991

Coming up...



### **Baptized: January All Church Study**

Our all-church worship and study emphasis for the month of January is "Baptized." The act of baptism is only the beginning of the practice of baptism — baptismal life. Over the next four weeks, we are focusing on four key biblical passages and four corresponding aspects of baptismal life: *Remember Your Baptism, Cross the Divide, Die and Rise, and Honor the Body.*



### **Explorations in Faith: Soul Keeping**

**Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Zoom**

Beginning January 19 and continuing each Wednesday through February, join Pastor Clint Roberts in discussing the nature and purpose of our souls, using John Ortberg's book "Soul Keeping." Copies of the book will be available for purchase at church starting next week. Come join us as we learn to understand and care for the most important part of who we are.



### **Wednesday Night Supper - CURBSIDE**

**Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:45 PM**

Suppers are officially back starting Wednesday, January 19, but for curbside pickup only! Please register on the church website in advance if you would like to pick up a meal. Sign-up closes at 10:00 AM on each Wednesday. Meal pick up is at the Food Depot between 4:30 - 5:45 PM.  
<https://firstchurchlf.org/wednesday-supper-registration/>

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**View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: [www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries)**

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## This Week's Calendar

### TODAY

10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
10:15	Children's Faith Building, Room 215
4:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group, Stuart Room 214
5:30	Work Trip Advisor Mtg, South Parlor/Zoom
7:00	Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

**MON** Church Closed - MLK Holiday

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### TUE

1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom
6:00	Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30	Building and Grounds Committee Mtg, Zoom Boy Scouts Troop 46, Fellowship Hall

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### WED

10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Zoom
4:15 PM	Children's Carol Choir, Choir Room
4:30	Wed. Night Supper, Curbside at Food Depot
5:00	Children's Cherub Choir, Choir Room Confirmation Class, Stuart Room 214
5:30	Children's Faith Building, Room 012 Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
7:00	Taize, Chapel Explorations of Faith, Zoom

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### THU

6:00 AM	Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Zoom
7:00 PM	APNC, South Parlor Children's FF Comm., Stuart Rm 214/Zoom Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

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### FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room
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Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday.  
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## Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links  
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### Home Communion

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### Arrange a Baptism

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