

# Baptized

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



**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF LAKE FOREST

**January 9, 2021**  
*Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

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

## Prayer for Worship

*Holy God,  
you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners,  
to seek and save the lost.  
May we, who have been baptized in his name,  
never turn away from the world,  
but reach out in love to rescue the wayward;  
by the mercy of Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## Prelude

Chorale Prelude on Beautiful Savior

arr. Aaron David Miller, 2014

## 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.

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*TUNE: NETTLETON*

## \*Prayer of Confession (unison)

—Nathan Williams

God of justice,

in baptism you anointed us to live boldly in  
the reality of your coming kingdom.

We confess that we have not  
fulfilled our calling.

We have not used your power to  
serve our neighbors.

We have walked away from oppression  
and injustice.

We have turned our backs on your beloved children  
who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty.

Forgive us, Lord.

Make us courageous servants of your  
justice, peace, and wholeness, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ lives in power for us, Christ prays for us.  
Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation.  
The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun.  
Siblings in Christ, believe the good news:

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

## \*Sung Response *NO. 492*

You Belong to Christ

*TUNE: YOU BELONG TO CHRIST*

***You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-4

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.

## New Testament Lesson

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,"'

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And 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. 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

"Remember Your Baptism"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

## \*Hymn of Response NO. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

*TUNE: WATERLIFE*

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

## Stewardship Update

Paul Darling

# Offering

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Malcolm Archer, 1994

## — Service of Renewal of Baptismal Vows —

### Introduction

### Call to Discipleship

Leader: Christ has many services to be done;

**People: Some are easy, some are difficult;**

Leader: Some bring sorrow, others bring reproach;

**People: Some are suited to our natural inclinations and material interests,**

Leader: Others are contrary to both.

**People: In some we please Christ and please ourselves,**

Leader: In others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

**People: Yet the power to do all things is given us in Christ who strengthens us.**

### Renunciations and Affirmation

Leader: Trusting in the gracious promises of God, what idols do you renounce?

**People: I renounce sin and the power of evil in the world.**

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Leader: What commitment do you make to him?

**People: With God's help, I will be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his Word and showing his love.**

### Prayer of Commitment *(unison)*

**God of love and faithfulness, we are no longer our own, but yours.**

**Guide us as we seek to lead lives worthy of the calling to which  
you have been called.**

**Guide us as we seek to live with humility and gentleness, with patience and love.**

**Guide us as we seek to be your reconciling people in the world.**

**We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism,  
and that by your grace we are born anew.**

**By your Holy Spirit continue to renew us, that we may be empowered  
to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. Amen.**

## Renewal of Baptism

Come to the Water

John Foley, 1975

### \*Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to share in God's story of hope. And so we offer ourselves to its telling. Breathe your life through ours that the story may continue on in us, and through us, until the world is remade. Let the star always be a reminder of your presence then, and now as we go forth on the paths to which you call us. Amen.

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. 482*

Baptized in Water

TUNE: BUNESSAN

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Southern Harmony/arr. T. Clegg, 2010

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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.



### **Taizé Service**

#### **Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Chapel and livestream**

Taizé returns in the First Pres Chapel. Worship in the contemplative Taizé tradition with singing, prayers, silence, scripture, and candles. The service will also be livestreamed. You can download music sheets on the church website: [firstchurchlf.org](http://firstchurchlf.org).

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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  
10:00 Children's Chapel, Chapel  
Middle School, South Parlor  
7:00 PM Youth Group, Youth Lounge

### MON

- 6:30 PM Finance Committee, Zoom

### TUE

- 1:00 PM Adult Bible Study, Zoom  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
5:00 Staff Support Team Meeting, Zoom  
6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00 Deacon's Meeting, Zoom  
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom  
7:30 Court of Honor, Sanctuary

### WED

- 10:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Zoom  
4:15 PM Carol Choir, Music Room  
5:00 Cherub Choir, Music Room  
5:00 Confirmation Class, Stuart Room  
5:30 Children's Faith Building, Youth Lounge  
5:30 Chancel Bells, Sanctuary  
7:00 Explorations of Faith, Zoom  
7:00 Taizé, Chapel

### THURS

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, Zoom  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
7:00 Children's Faith Formation Mtg., Stuart Room  
7:00 APNC, South Parlor

### FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room /Zoom



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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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### Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Home Communion

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### Arrange a Baptism

Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

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