

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Chris Williams

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***INTROIT HYMN**

In Christ Called to Baptize

St. Denio

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Leader: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

Leader: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!

Leader: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!

Leader: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #409**

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

The author of the Book of Hebrews calls us to the bold act of confessing our sins when he writes, "Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise.

CHORAL KYRIE RESPONSE

Crashing Waters at Creation

Dunstan/Cross

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son.

Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #134** *Joy to the World (vs 1)*

Antioch

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth received her king;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven a nature sing.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

ANTHEM

Lullaby
Lisa Lawson

John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

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HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Hymn #552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Communion Music

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Take Me To The Water* African American Spiritual

*POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Linda Evan's parents, Beatrice & Christina Guenther's mother, Terry Housholder, Ken Oman, Joyce Kepke's granddaughter, Lauren Kepke; Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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*. There are no closed doors here.
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1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune by heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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Week of January 8 thru January 15

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:10 a.m.	Congregational Mtg. in the Sanctuary
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship and Refreshments in FH
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Green Lounge
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	7:00 p.m.	Mission & Trustee Meetings
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting in Staff Conference room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
SATURDAY	9:30 a.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre Workshops
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/installation of officers
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' Meeting



Zoom Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays at 5:30 p.m. The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at fpcbgjeff@gmail.com. **This next week sermon is "Called", and is based on scripture readings from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and John 1:29-42.** *The call narratives in scripture – whether those recorded in the gospels or the way Paul self-reports his own calling – exist to remind us of our own calling into discipleship of Jesus Christ. The specifics need not be the same (indeed, they likely won't be), but the new orientation of your life in Christ will share deep similarities. As such, we can both attend to these call stories for their resonance with our own lives, while embracing and celebrating the distinctions.*