



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Prelude to the Introit of the Epiphany"
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"
Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Gathering as the Children of God Sam McClurg

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God;

All: *The holy habitation of the Most High.*

One: The Lord pours forth rivers from bare mountains, and fountains in valleys' depths.

All: *God opens rocks, and water gushes out.*

One: On dry thirsty land God springs forth streams in the desert.

† Hymn #71 "Lord, When You Came to Jordan" GENEVAN

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Sam McClurg

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name ...

Silent Confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good New of the Gospel.

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† Response 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.*

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Without Undue Haste Nor Undue Delay"

Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

† Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant *(see insert)*

† Hymn #492

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

Prayers of the People...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

*After each petition, Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."
Congregation will respond with "Hear Our 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.

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering
Offertory

"Baptised in Water"

Richard Shephard

† Doxology (#592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

** Please Wait for Pastor & Choir to Stand *
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

† Closing Hymn #368

"I've Got Peace Like a River!"

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"Amen"

Matthias Young

† Postlude

"In Thee Is Joy" BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

As children of God, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community

As members of a family of faith, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles

Moved by the Spirit, we serve our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.

Upcoming Events:

January 20	OFFICE CLOSED	Martin Luther King Holiday
January 24-25		Session Retreat
January 26	11:00 a.m.	Session Installation Worship Service
February 2	10:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Worship Participants for January 12, 2020

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass

Director of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Sam McClurg



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