



Heritage

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Heritage is a family in Christ that strives to serve others in His love.

Baptism of the Lord **January 10, 2021**

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

We welcome you today in the name of the One who frees us from every burden, renews our spirits and inspires hope and joy in our living. May this time of worship encourage and lift you up.

WELCOME AND MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Beth Wagner

PRELUDE“Ring the Bells” (CCLI song #74279)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, as we gather this day, we remember your promises in the pouring of water, and we give thanks for all that the future brings that we may live and worship you this day and the next.

HYMN.....“The First Noel” verses 1, 3, 4, 6 (CCLI song #6436388)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Here is our confession: Jesus took bread and fish and divided it among the people and in a miracle of sharing 5,000 were fed. We confess that a generosity that feeds people before they begin to starve is often beyond us. May we repent and affirm through our baptism a way of living that enables a banquet for the hungry. This is our confession.

Drop stone into water.

Here is our confession: Jesus heard the pleas of a woman caught in adultery and the hypocrisy of those who condemned her to stoning and in a miracle of forgiveness the accusers turned away and Jesus turned towards the woman, “Go and sin no more”. We confess a speed to condemn that betrays our guilt. May we repent and affirm through our baptism a way of living that forgives with a second chance. This is our confession.

Drop stone into water.

Here is our confession: Jesus heard the foreigner respond that even the dogs eat the crumbs from the table and in a miracle of the kingdom Jesus witnessed the faith being unbound, opening to all and accepting all. We confess our humanity tends towards mistrust and prejudice. May we repent and affirm through our baptism a way of living that celebrates diversity and welcomes the stranger. This is our confession.

Drop stone into water.

In this our confession may we know the deep peace of the running wave, the flowing air, the quiet earth, the shining stars, the gentle night and the peace of Christ.

Amen.

RESPONSE.....“Gloria Patri” Henry W. Greatorex

THE PEACE OF CHRIST..... Rev. Beth Wagner

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation’s birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus’ baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the Father and the Son, now and forever. **Amen.***

SCRIPTURE..... Psalm 51:6-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE..... Luke 3:1-22

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE..... Rev. Beth Wagner

“Our Promise: Water and Word”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN..... “Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine” (CCLI song #199491)

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... The Apostles’ Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING DEDICATION PRAYER

It is water through which creation was birthed;

it is our invitation to be birthed anew in God.

It is water by which God’s people gather;

it is our invitation to be gathered up into new life.

It is water in which we are called by name;

and it is our invitation to be called God’s children. Amen.

RESPONSE..... “Doxology” Genevan Psalter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE..... Rev. Beth Wagner

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.

SENDING

HYMN..... “Another Year Is Dawning” (CCLI song #67736)

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BENEDICTION

We have worshipped together, we have sung God’s praises, we have shared the joy of all that comes from baptismal promises.

Now may God’s blessing of love be with us this day, this week, this New Year.

POSTLUDE “Joy to the World!” (CCLI song #24016)

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am Office Closed due to COVID-19

Pastor

Rev. Beth Wagner

The pastor's schedule for the coming week is shown below.

Mon., 1/11: reserved for Sabbath rest

Tue., 1/12: working from home; attending The Gathering via Zoom 10:30 am

Wed., 1/13: working from home

Thu., 1/14: working from home; attending Weekly Prayer Group via Zoom 1:00 pm;

attending Deacons Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm

Fri., 1/15: working from home; hosting UnWined Fellowship via Zoom 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Sun., 1/17: leading Worship via Facebook 10:00 am

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