

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**January 9, 2022
10:00am
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“As With Gladness Men of Old”
“Shall We Gather at the River?”
“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”
“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”
“We Three Kings”
“Baptized in Water”
“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

CHIMES

(The pouring of water invites us to remember and to celebrate our baptism into the body of Christ.)

PRELUDE

“Star of the East” (Kennedy)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your immediate neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29; Luke 3:21–22

The voice of God resounds upon the water.
The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”
And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”
Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

***OPENING HYMN #1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (Dykes)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word, you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. **Amen.**

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 29

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:1–7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 8:14–17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

QUARTET

“Do You Hear What I Hear?” (Arr. DeCesare)
(Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Mary Hubbard, Wendy Lunsford)

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #164**

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways” (Horman)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

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

**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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately homes and beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a rundown cabin. The man asked St. Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. St. Peter replied, "I did the best with the money you sent us."

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Baptized in Water" (Broughton)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

OUR 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 and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #305**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (Darwall)

***MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.
Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.