

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**JANUARY 10, 2021  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC SET**

*“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”  
“Spirit of the Living God”  
“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”  
“God of Our Life”  
“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”  
“Shall We Gather at the River”  
“Baptized in Water”  
“Come to the Water”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” (Bach)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 29, Selected Verses

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #15** *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* (vss. 1, 4, 6)  
(Kirchengesang)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful God, forgive us, we pray, when we fail to live into the promise and hope of our Baptisms. Forgive us when our repentance for sin is shallow and diffident. Forgive us when our unity in Christ, confirmed by Baptism, is not evident. Forgive us when our Baptismal discipleship is puny and weak.**

**Move us daily to remember that we are baptized, that we have been adopted as your own children, and give us strength and help to live as those who follow your Beloved Son, who was also baptized. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### **THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Genesis 1:1-2:4

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 19:1-7

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 1:4-11

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

“God Saw that it was Good”

**\*HYMN #662** *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”* (German Folk Melody)

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Confession of 1967*

**By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to all people in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE**

You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.  
You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy. (Psalm 65:9-13)

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Baptized in Water"* (Broughton)

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name.  
You commanded light to shine out of darkness,  
divided the sea and dry land,  
created the vast universe and called it good.  
You made us in your image  
to live with one another in love.  
You gave us the breath of life  
and freedom to choose your way.**

**Through long generations  
you have been faithful and kind to all your children.**

**In response we dedicate our lives to your service. Mold us into  
faithful and joyful servants of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.**

### **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
holy is your name;  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #475**      *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*  
(Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music)

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**      *"My Tribute"*

\*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.