

**Baptism of the  
Lord Sunday**  
**Online Worship**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>**



**The Presbyterian Churches of Wyoming and West Pittston**  
**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

**Offering**

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**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's 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.**

**Hymn**

***Baptized in Water***

1 Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation,  
Trusting the promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

2 Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with his rising,  
Freed and forgiven  
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

3 Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit,  
We are God's children,  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

### **Litany for Baptism of the Lord**

O Christ,  
by your epiphany your light shines upon us,  
giving us the fullness of salvation.  
Help us show your light to all we meet today.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ of glory,  
you humbled yourself to be baptized,  
showing us the way of humility.  
Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ,  
by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin,  
making us children of your Father.  
Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ,  
by your baptism you sanctified creation  
and opened the door of repentance  
to all who are baptized.  
Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ,  
by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity  
when the voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son,"  
and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove.  
Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

**Lord, have mercy.**

{silent confession}

Almighty God,  
you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit,  
and revealed him as your beloved Son.  
Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful in your service,  
that we may rejoice to be called children of God;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture            **Mark 1:4-11**

**Mark 1:4-11** <sup>4</sup> John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. <sup>5</sup> Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. <sup>11</sup> And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

## Children's Message

## Special Music for Silent Reflection

## Message

### Hymn                    *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayer,  
And make this house Your home;  
Descend with all Your gracious powers;  
O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light! to us reveal  
Our emptiness and woe;  
And lead us in those paths of life  
Where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts  
Like sacrificial flame;  
Let our whole soul an offering be  
To our Redeemer's name.

4 Come as the dove and  
spread Your wings,  
The wings of peaceful love;  
And let the Church on earth become  
Blest as the church above.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers;  
Make a lost world Your home;  
Descend with all Your gracious powers,  
O come, great Spirit, come!

## **Reaffirmation of Faith and Remembering our Baptism**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you turn from the ways of sin  
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ  
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,  
trusting in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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 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.**

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry  
through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be  
a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

## **Installation of Officers**

### **Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons**

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfil your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
10. (for deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

### **Prayer for the Newly Installed Officers with laying on of hands**

#### **Prayers of the People and 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.**

**Hymn**

***Here I Am, Lord***

1 I the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

2 I the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Refrain:

Here I am Lord,  
Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord,  
If you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart

3 I the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them,  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

## **Sending and Blessing**

### **Postlude**

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. If you are worshipping alone, take a moment to send a text or email – or make a phone call – to someone to whom you want to offer God's peace. If you're with people, offer Christ's peace to one another.

**May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

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