

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

January 10, 2021

PRELUDE “Geboren Ist Gottes Sohnelein,” Praetorius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors’ suffering. Forgive us O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.

(Please take time for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

#581 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created[a] the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Emily Kaltz

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared[a] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

MESSAGE: "Jesus' Baptism and Ours"

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

PROFESSION OF FAITH

...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 RENOUNCE THEM.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.

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

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE SONG #481 I Believe in God the Father

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

...Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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.

CLOSING HYMN "#485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Ding Dong! Merrily On High/He Is Born!" arr. Page

We glorify Christ by being and making disciples who share God's love, seek His truth, and serve His world.



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