

January 12, 2020
10:30 am
Baptism of the Lord

Prelude *Peace in the Valley* Stewart Landon

* Call to Worship
Leader: O God, some of us are discouraged and long for your embrace.
People: Wash us with your love.
Leader: Some of us are weary, weighed down by the desperation of this world.
People: Wash us with your hope.
Leader: Some of us are anxious and seek refuge from chaotic lives.
People: Wash us with your peace.
Leader: Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal or transformation.
People: Wash us with your grace.
Leader: However we come into your presence, pour out your Spirit upon us.
People: Let us come to the waters of baptism. Let us worship God!

* Prayer of the Day

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn #409 *God Is Here!*

Prayer of Confession (unison)
God of grace, You claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so that our words may further righteousness and our deeds be pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life.
(moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: ...Friends, believe the Good News!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Hymn #581 - *Glory Be to the Father*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn #452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 Page 630

Anthem *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth

The Word with Children
Children up to the 2nd grade are invited to “Children’s Chapel” for worship-centered activities.

Scripture Reading Matthew 3 Page 2

Sermon *Baptism for Repentance*

* 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.

Prayers of the People

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory *Ding, Dong, Merrily on High* arr. M. Ham
* Doxology #606
* Prayer of Dedication
* 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 #69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

* Postlude *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* Welsh

* Please stand, if it is comfortable for you.

Welcome to Forest Presbyterian Church! Church School for all ages at 9:30, worship service at 10:30. Child-care for infants and toddlers is on the lower level. During the 10:30 service, children up to the second grade are invited to Children's Chapel on the lower level following The Word with Children. Older children are invited to join in the worship service.

Visitor Cards are located on the welcome table. Please fill out the card and either give it to the Pastor, or place it in the offering plate.

CD's of today's service are available at the sound booth. Sermons are available on our church website (forestchurch.org).

Liturgist Trish Hendricks

Usher Homer Justis

2020 Contribution Envelopes - If you do not have envelopes but would like some, please contact Catherine Justis. Also, any questions regarding your pledge or giving to date contact Catherine (434-546-7534).

February newsletter deadline is Monday, January 13. Please have all your information into the church office.

Today, January 12 - Kids Music 2:15 pm, Chimes/Handbells 3:00 pm.

FYRE Youth Group meets today 4:30-6:00 pm.

Pledge Cards are still available on the table in the Commons. Please fill out and place them in the offering plate on Sunday.

Souper Bowl of Caring - All food donations for Souper Bowl of Caring may be placed on the table in the Commons through Sunday, February 2. With *YOUR HELP* we can meet our record of **428 food items**. Join the FYRE Youth Group in this nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring project. **Lets go team FPC and help beat hunger!**

Sunday, January 19 - following worship service. The Fellowship Team is sponsoring a POTATO/SALAD BAR Luncheon. Cost will be \$5.00/person (adult and children) to cover expenses. There is a sign-up sheet in the Commons to help give us an idea of how many potatoes will be needed. Everyone is invited to stay, (even if you forget to sign up - there will be plenty for all).

The FYRE Youth Group is sending Valentines to College Students during the week of February 10. You may write out Valentine cards and give donations starting on Sunday, January 26 through Sunday, February 9. Be sure to watch for blank hearts and envelopes on the table in the Commons. What a wonderful way for the congregation to encourage our youth away from home.



Week at a Glance...

Today, Sunday, January 12

9:30 am Church School
10:30 am Worship Service
2:15 pm Kids Music; 3:00 pm Chimes/Handbells
4:30 pm FYRE Youth Group

Monday, January 13 - Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 14

10:00 am Disciples in ChristCare
7:00 pm Session

Wednesday, January 15

6:00 pm Chimes
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, January 16

9:00 am TOPS

Sunday, January 19

9:30 am Church School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Potato/Salad Bar Luncheon
3:00 pm Chimes/Handbells; 4:30 pm FYRE Youth Group

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“I baptize you with water for repentance,
but one who is more powerful than I
is coming after me;
I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and fire.”