First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“God, Our Father, Be Our Stay”  Dietrich Buxtehude

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship  from Psalm 29
Leader:  Give to the Lord the glory due his name!
Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!
People:  The Lord's voice is over the waters;
the glorious God thunders;
Leader:  The Lord is over the mighty waters.
The voice of God is strong and majestic.
People:  In God's temple everyone shouts, “Glory!”
The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters.
All:  Let the Lord give strength to his people!
May God bless all people with peace!

Hymn

“O Beauty Ever Ancient”  Hymn No. 650

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
We come as your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth your spirit, yet we do not respond to your presence. You set us apart as we are covered in water, yet our behavior and faith does not match a new life in you. Christ calls us to follow, but often we disobey his commandment. We are surrounded by your goodness, yet we ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in your love, uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of repentance. Amen.

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession  “We Are Forgiven”  Hymn No. 447

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

The Passing of the Peace
Leader:  The peace of Christ be with you.
People:  And also with you.
Leader:  Let us offer each other a sign of peace.
**We Hear God's Word**

**First Reading**

*2 Kings 5:9-15*  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Solo**

“*Crashing Waters at Creation*”  
*Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit’s breath,*  
*first to witness day’s beginning from the brightness of night’s death.*  
*Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,*  
*washing off the chains of bondage: channel to a life made new.*  
*Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the One foretold,*  
*opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.*  
*Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.*  
*Well-spring, Source of life eternal, drench our dryness; make us whole.*

**Second Reading**

*Mark 1:4-11*  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“*From Chaos to Creation*”  
*Rev. Dr. Craig Howard*

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Hymn**

“*Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways*”  
*Hymn No. 164*

**Pastoral Prayer**

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.

**Offertory Sentences**

**Offertory Solo**

“*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”  
*arr. Richard Walters*  

Come, thou Fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy unchanging love!  
Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.  
O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION  
Christian Concerns Class, 9:30 a.m. - Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31

Our next four adult education classes in January will focus on the mission of two police chaplains and the work of the St. Louis County Police Departments-Crisis Intervention Unit, which trains officers to work with community members who have mental health disorders (by building relationships to help them find the resources they need).

On January 10, our first speaker is Rabbi Mark Shook, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Temple Israel. He has been serving since 2020 as the chaplain coordinator of the St. Louis County Police as a Division Chaplain for the St. Louis Division, FBI, and as a chaplain for the Creve Coeur Police Department. He will be using Zoom, and asks that everyone join the meeting before 9:30 a.m. He will speak on "Police Chaplaincy, A Ministry Whose Time Has Come," and take some questions periodically during the program.

Rev. Byron “Sarge” Watson, a grief counselor and an ordained Pentecostal minister, will present the sessions on January 17 and 24. Rev. Watson retired from the St. Louis County Police Department after serving 28 years, and served as a campus police officer with St. Louis Community College for 8 years. He is now a police chaplain with the St. Louis County Police Department. He will discuss the duties and mission of a police chaplain including topics such as dealing with civil unrest, death and stress.

The fourth session will be January 31, presented by the St. Louis County Police Department Crisis Intervention Unit. This three-member team works with people who have mental health disorders by building relationships to help them find the resources they need to move toward wellness. The unit is supervised by Sgt. Gary Robertson, Division of Special Operations. He and Sgt. Chris Koester will present the program.

The February series will feature Professor Clint McCann, speaking on Iona, a monastery and island off the coast of Scotland, considered the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland.
The Tuesday morning book group will resume on January 19 at 10:00am by Zoom. We will be discussing the book, *Founding Brothers*, by John Ellis. The book explores how the personalities and issues negotiated, discussed and argued about, impacted the formation of the nation in the early years. From the duel between Burr and Hamilton, to the issues of slavery to the stature of Washington, Ellis looks at how the issues of the day were shaped by the personalities of those who worked and argued together over those years. Please contact Karen Blanchard at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org, if you need to be added to the Zoom invitation list for this group.

The fourth Wednesday book group will discuss the book, *A Good American*, by Alex George (note this is a correction of the name listed on the bookmark list for the book group), who traces the challenges and changes dealt with by a German family as they immigrate to America and the experience of four generations. If you need to be added to the Zoom list, please contact Karen Blanchard at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, 1/10**
- 9:30am  Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom
- 9:30am  Spiritual Formation Class - Zoom
  *The group meets on Zoom on the Second Sunday of each month. If you’d like to join in, contact Tom Edelstein at tedelstein@att.net.*
- 11:00am  Worship Service - Live Steamed
- 7:00pm  Sr. High Fellowship

**Monday, 1/11**
- 8:00am  Preschool
- 11:30am  Staff Meeting - 050

**Tuesday, 1/12**
- 7:30pm  Incoming Elders Conversation - Zoom

**Wednesday, 1/13**
- 8:00am  Preschool
- 7:00pm  Bell Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:15pm  Board of Deacons - Zoom

**Thursday, 1/14**
- 10:00am  Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)

**Friday, 1/15**
- 8:00am  Preschool

**Saturday, 1/16**
- 10:00am  Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
- 11:00am  Men’s Bible Study - Zoom

**Sunday, 1/17**
- 9:30am  Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom
- 11:00am  Worship Service - Live Streamed
- 7:00pm  Sr. High Fellowship
O Beauty Ever Ancient

Capo 3: (D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
F Bb Gm Eb Bb Gm C F

1 O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,
2 O beauty in creation, in world of sound and sight,
3 O beauty that is movement in liquid line of grace,
4 O beauty of the Spirit where love is shining through,

(G) (Em) (F#7) (Bm) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
Bb Gm A7 Dm Bb Gm C F

divine and Holy Presence, my being sings to you,
O beauty in the silence, in darkness as in light,
O beauty that is stillness in lovely form or face,
O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,

(D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (Dsus)(D) (G)
F Bb Gm Eb Bb Eb Fsus F Bb

in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.
Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Capo 3: (A9) (D/A) (A9) (Dsus7/D)
C9 F/C C9 Fsus F

1. Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - el - ed on
2. Aris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
3. We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.

(A9) (D/A) (G) (F#m)
C9 F/C Bb Am

from Naz - a - reth to Jordan to be bap - tized by John.
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm) (F#m) (Gmaj7) (F#m7) (Em) (A/C#) (Bsus) (Bm)
Dm Am Bb maj7 Am7 Gm C/E Dsus Dm

He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - ri - ous voice:
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (Asus) (A7) (D)
Gb F/A Gm7 Bb/C Csus C7 F

but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

When reviewing baptismal resources with other members of the United Church of Canada's Working Unit on Worship, the author was struck by how few hymns had been written for adult baptism. This meditative text on the Baptism of Jesus is an effort to remedy that situation.

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Wash, O God,
Your Sons and Daughters

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures
2 Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined,
of your womb. Number them among your people, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of
all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them garments bright and
blessing, living bread. God, renew us; guide our
lives we worship, praise! We your people stand be-

sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them;
footsteps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our

send your Spirit, holy dove and heart’s delight.
living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

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This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over
the Water in The Book of Common Worship, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and
renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ’s resurrection.

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