



Farragut  
Presbyterian  
Church



# The Baptism of Jesus

January 9, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

## ~The Gathering~



Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*This is the Truth Sent from Above*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Held

Call to Worship

I am with you, says the Lord.

**Do not fear.**

I have called you by name.

**Do not fear.**

You are mine.

**Do not be afraid.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Hymn #457

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Toulon

**I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
My only trust and Saviour of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.**

**Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
Reigning omnipotent in every place;  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.**

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**Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
And all our substance and our strength receive;  
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,  
And give us strength in every trying hour.**

**Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:  
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,  
That we may dwell in perfect unity.**

**Our hope is in no other save in Thee;  
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.**

Text: Attr. John Calvin, French Psalter, Strassburg, 1545, Trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868. Music: Adapt. From Genevan 124. Genevan Psalter, 1551.  
The Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs © 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press.

Prayer of Confession

**In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us.  
Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name.  
We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you.  
Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you,  
For you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit.  
Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts  
we may go in the way of Jesus.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

Kyrie Eleison

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Pardini

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Response

*Gloria Patri*

Regent Square

Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to God the Son,  
glo-ry be to God the Spir-it, God Al-migh-ty, Three in One!  
Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal - le-lu-jah! Glo-ry be to him a-lone.

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### ~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

**Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
The Gospel of the Lord.

Martha Edington

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Psalm 29

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson



All on earth and all in heaven, raise to God a song on high;  
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded, God alone we glorify. (R)

The voice of the Lord resounds across the waters; the voice of the Lord thunders over the mighty sea.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the voice of the Lord splinters the trees of Lebanon.  
The voice of the Lord strikes like lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.  
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl; the voice of the Lord strips the forest bare. (R)

God of the waters, God of thunder, God's own might can make them cease;  
God's own voice which tumult beckons in a gentler breath speaks peace. (R)

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Second Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Smallness of It All"

Rev. Matt Nieman

### ~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – adapted from the *Confession of 1967*"

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

This is my beloved Son, who is pleasing in my sight, in Him I am well pleased.  
When Jesus came to Jordan, to be baptized by John,  
God's love surrounded those who gathered there.

The Spirit of the Lord descended as a dove and a voice came from heaven, saying:  
This is my beloved Son . . .

We bring our children to be baptized and mark them as Christ's own,  
with promises to guide them as they grow.

Give each, O God, the gift of wonder and joy, as a lamb of your own calling.

This is my beloved child, who is precious in my sight, . . . in whom I am well pleased.

Call for the Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

**~The Sending~**

Hymn #361

*How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

Text: “K” in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, Ed. John Rippon; alt. Music: American folk melody, Funk’s *Genuine Church Music*, 1832  
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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #492

*Baptized in Water*

Bunessan

**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.**

Postlude

*Wir Christenleut*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Walther

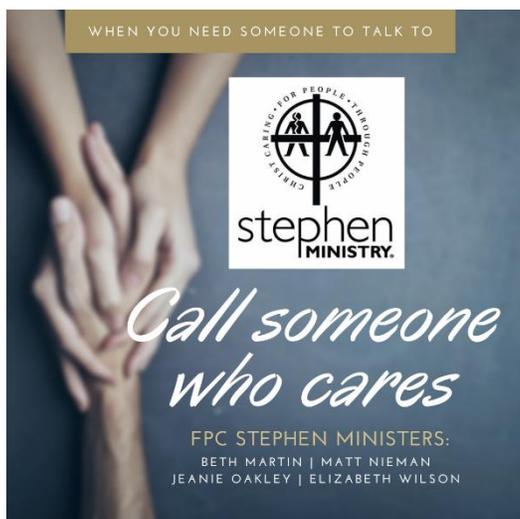
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- email the office at [office@fpctn.org](mailto:office@fpctn.org)

**Rockers** will not meet in January but hope to resume get-togethers in February. For more information, contact Gloria Purjet.



*Feeling down?* Our Stephen Ministers can help. Stephen Ministers aren’t just there for a “big” crisis. They’re also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. So don’t wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office or one of our **Stephen Ministry Leaders**:  
Matt Nieman, Jeanie Oakley, Elizabeth Wilson, or Beth Martin.

## This Week at

Sun, Jan 09	9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Jan 10	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 1
	10:00	a.m.	Confirmation Class/Room 1
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Groups/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Parlor
Tues, Jan 11	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Library
Wed, Jan 12	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444/FH, Rm A, Narthex
Thurs, Jan 13	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Room A
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
Fri, Jan 14	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	5:00	p.m.	<b>Music Ministry Christmas Party</b> /FH
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Fellowship Hall

## Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or Parlor	This class has changed to Lectionary-based lessons, so each week we look at the texts that the sermon and worship service are developed from. In good weather join us outside under the trees in the parking lot. In bad weather we will meet in the parlor.
Monday Connection	Zoom/and Room A	Starting later this month, this class will be studying "Sermon on the Mount – A beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven" by Amy-Jill Levine. The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and memorable teachings, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today?
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom/library	<u>Women and the Bible</u> , led by Brian Davison. Why do we Presbyterians believe in the full inclusion of women? This course, which can be dropped in on any Sunday, will explore the scriptural roots for women as prophets, teachers and leaders.
Youth	Room 1	Join the Youth Sunday School as they DIVE IN to the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion to explore a different book of the Old Testament each Sunday throughout the school year! For more information, contact Mason Warren, Dir. of Family Ministries, <a href="mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org">masonwarren@fpctn.org</a>



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### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm

*"Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith"*