

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



January 14, 2024

Baptism of the Beloved

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 14, 2024

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather At the River"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

arr. RANEY
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please join me in the Call to Worship by reading responsively:

God spoke the creative Word into the formless void.

The cosmos cries, "Glory!"

From the wilderness, God brought forth new life and liberation.

The plants and animals which inhabit the wild places cry, "Glory!"

A messenger in the wilderness brings good news.

God's people cry, "Glory!"

In baptism, we are united to God through Jesus Christ.

With all of creation, we cry, "Glory!"

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The One who was without sin received the baptism of repentance so that we who have sinned may be covered by his righteousness. The Spirit enables us to tell the truth of our brokenness, assured already of the grace we know in Jesus Christ. Let us confess together:

Search us, O God, and know our hearts – you have made us in your image, yet we fail to show your glory; you have claimed us as your own, yet we turn our backs on you; you have set us free to serve you, yet we live as captives to our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your loving Spirit to wash away our sin, redeem us as your beloved people, and lead us in your everlasting way.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The heavens part, the waters swirl and the dove descends, reminding us that we, too, are God's beloved children. We are covered by God's grace and forgiven in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-5
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:1-11
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"God With Us"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 476

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

CRASHING WATERS

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You, O God, are the voice above the waters –
thundering wisdom,
flashing glory,
showering grace.
We praise you.

You sent Jesus to give us living water –
the cup of blessing,
the cup of promise,
the cup of salvation.
We give you thanks.

Now send your Spirit to make this water
a pool of healing,
a river of new life,
a flood of grace.
We glorify you.

Keep us one with you –
one in the way
and the truth
and the life of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**We praise you,
we give you thanks,
we glorify you,
now and forever. Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Leader: Beloved children of God, remember your baptism, and be thankful.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER THE REAFFIRMATION (Unison)

Lord of heaven and earth, as you have renewed our spirits, restored our brokenness, and raised us from the dust of death, now lead us out in love to be your beloved people in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Siciliana"

JS BACH

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

HANSON PLACE

*BENEDICTION

The blessing of the triune God –
Maker of heaven and earth,
only begotten and beloved,
Lord and giver of life –
be with you all, evermore and evermore. **Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

RUTTER