



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday January 13, 2019, 10:30 A.M.

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

\*Please stand if able

When we stand in the light of God's goodness, we see ourselves for who we really are, including our shadows, our brokenness and our sin.

We come before God in complete honesty, confessing our sins, and asking God by the grace of forgiveness, to restore what is broken.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Today we see and celebrate the humble obedience of Jesus, who was baptized by John, despite being Lord of all, and without sin. As he rises out of the River Jordan the Spirit descends on Jesus, and God declares from heaven delight in the Son of God, the beloved. Centuries before, the prophet Isaiah declares the faithfulness of God, who promises to walk through fire and water alongside the Lord's beloved people.*

### PRELUDE

Adoration

Richard Purvis

### WORDS OF WELCOME

*(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)*

Rev. Robert Martin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Marge Shelton

*L: The voice of God resounds upon the water.*

**P: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

*L: The Son of God is named "Beloved."*

**P: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

*L: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.*

**P: Let us worship God in holy splendor!**

### \*HYMN 361

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**As he knelt in the waters of Jordan and prayed, you proclaimed Jesus as your Son, pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us: when we put ourselves ahead of him; when we think he is no longer needed; when we fail to see him in the broken of our world. Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time. Forgive us: when we fail to welcome the stranger; when we refuse to forgive as you have forgiven us; when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, and the little. Forgive us, O God, and make us new again. Refresh our spirits with the waters of your claiming. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*L: Friends, believe the good news.*

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### \*Gloria Patri - 579

*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 and Amen.*

### \*Passing the Peace and Greetings

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kirsten Trachsel

*(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)*

### ANTHEM

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

tune: HOLY MANNA/arr. Stephen Dombek

*Brethren, we have met to worship, and adore the Lord our God;*

*Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?*

*All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;*

*Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;*

*Let us love and pray for sinners 'til our God makes all things new.*

*Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table, we'll sit down;*

*God will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.*

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Eternal God, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children, and in the receiving of your word; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 43:1-7 (page 672 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Shelton

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (page 60 in pew Bible)

Rev. Martin

*L. This is the Word of the Lord!*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*Beloved*

Rev. Robert Martin

## \*HYMN 70

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

CATHINESS

*On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.*

### 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 now and forever. Amen.*

*Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** (Athens County Food Pantry)

Bobbi Conliffe

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Robert Martin

Choral Response

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY** *Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came*

Marcel Dupre

**\*Doxology - 592 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.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Child, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 344

*Christ of the Upward Way*

SURSUM CORDA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION**

Choral Response

## POSTLUDE

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Georg Boehm

**TODAY – following the Worship Service  
Election of New Officers**

Friday, January 18th, - DEADLINE to get annual reports into the office

**Sunday, January 20th during the Worship Service  
Ordination and Installation of New Officers**

Monday, January 21st - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Church office is Closed

February Newsletter articles are due in the office

Sunday, January 27th

2018 Annual Reports will be available in the Narthex

**Sunday, February 3rd following the Worship Service  
Annual Congregational Meeting**

**REVISED COMMON  
LECTIONARY**

*This lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day.*

*The three year cycle is split into years – A,B, and C. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading.*

*The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.*

*Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.*

**You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television. Schedule**

1021 on your digital box

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Monday through Friday  
and  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday.

**Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 13, 2019, the Baptism of the Lord (Year C)**

**First Reading**                    **Isaiah 43:1-7**  
**Psalm**                                **Psalm 29**  
**Second Reading**                **Acts 8:14-17**  
**Gospel**                                **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**Psalm 29**

- 1Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- 3The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
- 4The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- 10The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 11May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**Second Reading Acts 8:14-17**

14Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Worshiping With Children**

- \* AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children’s Corner.
- \* Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- \* Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- \* Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- \* Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- \* All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children’s Moment.
- \* Ages Pre-K through 6th are invited to Sunday School downstairs following the children’s moment.

**Annual Reports are DUE BY Friday, January 18th**

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin  
CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel  
Administrative Assistant: Jane Baker

Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart  
Organist: Janice Robison  
Choir Director: David Tadlock

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Liturgist - Marge Shelton  
Chancel Preparation - Mary Costello

Ushers - Margaret Bourke and Calista Strickmaker  
Acolytes - Noah Heinrich and Brandon James

**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, January 13th - Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 A.M. - Women of Faith Bible Study, Library  
9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room  
10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3  
10:30 A.M. - Minute for Mission during worship, Sanctuary  
Following the Children's Moment - Children's Church, classrooms  
Following the Worship Service - Election of New Officers, Sanctuary  
11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall  
11:45 A.M. - Earth Justice Group meeting, library

**MON., 14th - Noon - Al-Anon, library**

5:00-8:30 P.M. - Calliope choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 15th - Noon - Bible study, library**

5:30 P.M. - Going Deeper meal and Bible study, fellowship hall

**WED., 16th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

Noon - Women of Faith Bible Study, fellowship hall  
5:00-7:00 P.M. - Wedding reception, fellowship hall  
7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

**THURS., 17th - 6:30 P.M. - Church Committee meeting, library**

7:30 P.M. - Session meeting, fellowship hall

**FRI., 18th - Annual Reports are due to be in the church office**

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**SUNDAY, January 20th - Food Pantry Sunday**

9:00 A.M. - Women of Faith Bible Study, fellowship hall  
9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room  
10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3  
10:30 A.M. - Ordination and Installation of New Officers during worship, Sanctuary  
Following the Children's Moment - Children's Church, classrooms  
11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
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**Women of Faith Bible Study Resumes THIS Week** - The Women of Faith Bible study continues this Wednesday/Sunday studying the book "Liturgy of the Ordinary, Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" by Tish Harrison Warren. Wednesdays at Noon and Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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**Going Deeper Meal and Bible Study - Tuesday, January 15th - 5:30 p.m.** - The January "Going Deeper" Bible Study will focus on the concept of "Hesed" in the Old Testament and its impact on the New Testament. Some scholars have referred to hesed (mercy), as: the ethic of the margins. In one of his encounters with his religious critics, Jesus tells them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Mt. 9: 12-13). Jesus is citing Hosea 6:6, in which "mercy" is hesed. He employs the term to characterize his whole ministry of reaching the marginalized, sick and poor which he sets forth as a model for any who would seek to follow him. "Go and learn what this means. I desire hesed and not sacrifice."  
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**Be Sure to Check Out FPC's New Church Website** - Please take the time to check out the site at [www.athensfpc.org](http://www.athensfpc.org). A note that if you have the old site bookmarked, you will need to refresh the page to pull up the new site and erase the "memory" of the old one. Here are a few of the exciting new features of this site: online calendar of events, weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, video archives of sermons, music, and puppet skits, Pastor Rob's blog page, and beautiful new photographs of the church building and fun candid shots from the past few years throughout the site.  
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**Earth Justice Green Tip** - Don't bag it, keep it loose! Some well meaning recyclers are still sorting and putting recyclables into bags. Unfortunately, this causes problems at the recycling center. So items should be put into the recycling bins loose.