

Westminster Presbyterian Church
January 9th, 2022 10:00am
Live Streaming In Person

**Order of Worship
Baptism of The Lord**

Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship Faith Duncan

One: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength:

All: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: May the Lord give us strength!

All: May the Lord bless us with peace.

One: Come, Let us worship the Lord.

Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.

And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession Faith Duncan

Trusting in God's grace let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Oh God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Through both Testaments we know, you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We should be astonished by this. We know that, at times, we have behaved in very unloving ways; we know some of our behaviors do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Words of Forgiveness

People of God, you are known and loved by God. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope. Amen.

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Hearing the Word

Message for all God's Children

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Prayer of Illumination

Faith Duncan

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

So that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 29

Faith Duncan

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of

his[a] holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion[b] like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the Lord shakes the desertthe Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord twists the oaks[c] and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

New Testament Reading:
Luke 3:15-17, 21&22

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The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 1John answered them all, "I baptize you with[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan
(Tune: the church's one foundation)

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptised by John
He did not come for pardon but as His Father's Son
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins

He came to share temptation our utmost woe and loss
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross
So when the Dove descended on Him the Son of Man
The hidden years had ended the age of grace began

Come Holy Spirit aid us to keep the vows we make
This very day invade us and every bondage break
Come give our lives direction the gift we covet most
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost

Sermon

Rev. Barbara Macfie

“The Storm And The Quiet Epiphany of Jesus Baptism”

Responding to the Word

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Rev. Barbara Macfie

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.

Glory to you, O God - your voice is over the waters, full of power and majesty.
Your word shakes the wilderness
and blesses us with peace. We give your thanks and praise of the new thing you
have done in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Baptized by John in the Jordan you anointed him with your Holy Spirit and
claimed him as your beloved Son. We give
you thanks and praise the by the grace of our baptism, you have claimed us as well
and poured out the gifts of your Spirit
so that we might be dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus. Continue to pour
out your Spirit upon us. Empower us
to love and serve you and live as your faithful people, bearing witness to the good
news of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Anthem: Down in the Water to Pray

Offertory

Faith Duncan

Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. AMEN

Offertory Prayer

Faith Duncan

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
Hymn

Rev Barbara Macfie
GTG #490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be gory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Benediction

Rev Barbara Macfie

Postlude

Thank you to those involved in worship today:

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Ushers: Nancy Tompkins and Leslie Marsh

Liturgist: Faith Duncan

Musicians: Steven Johnson and the Choir