

Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

LOVING GOD, LOVING PEOPLE, MAKING DISCIPLES

Worship

**-Please stand in body or in spirit*

*-Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude “Variations on Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Kyle Allen

*-Call to Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s Name,

All: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

All: the God of Glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*-Song of Praise, #398 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along.)

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

(Refrain) Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know him in his fullness and believe;
You’re the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”

(Refrain)

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*-Call to Confession

Leader: Children of God, if we say we have no sin,

All: we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us;

Leader: if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*-Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.**

*-Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news! God said to Jesus,

All: “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Leader: Christ calls us to new life,

All: and enables us to begin again and again and again and again.

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***-Response, #368** (verse 1) “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along.)

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in a my soul.

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in a my soul.

Teach

Time with Our Children

Prayer for Illumination Ron Cronise

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1-5

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Again and Again and Again” Dr. Jennifer Powell

Declaration of Faith (*Declaration of Faith, 6.5*)

Leader: We believe that in Baptism the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God’s promise

All: **to include us and our children in his gracious covenant,**

Leader: cleansing us from sin,

All: **and giving us newness of life, as participants in Christ’s death and resurrection.**

Leader: Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people

All: **and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.**

Leader: In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord’s.

For both children and adults,

All: **baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love him.**

Leader: For both, God’s grace and our response to it are not tied to the moment of Baptism,

All: **but continue and deepen throughout life.**

Anthem “The Lord’s Prayer”. Albert Hay Malotte
Richard Rudolph, soloist

Nurture

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “When Jesus Came to Jordan” David Cherwien

(Please take this time during the offertory for personal prayer and meditation.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Reach

***-Hymn for Remembering, #498** (verses 1-2) “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along.)

Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you Unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, Love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, Into joy and laughter lead.

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***-Charge and Benediction**

***-Congregational Response, #316** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along.)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

(Repeat stanza 1)

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***-Postlude** “As with Gladness Men of Old” Craig Phillips

(Please remain seated during the postlude.)

Following the postlude, ushers will dismiss the congregation by sections, exiting from the back pews forward.

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us in worship today, and we hope you will join us again. More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org. Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.

Leaders in Worship

Dr. Kyle Allen, Pastor

Dr. Jennifer Powell, Director of Faith Formation

Richard Rudolph, Director of Music

Ronn Lowe, Organist/Accompanist

Roger Dickenson, Audio

Pranav Singh, Video

**Book of Common Prayer.

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Faith Formation

“When my daughters were baptized, we had a big celebration . . .

Together with our community we sang “Jesus Loves Me” over the newly baptized. It was a proclamation: before you know it, before you doubt it, before you confess it, before you can sing it yourself, you are beloved by God, not by your effort but because of what Christ has done on your behalf. We are weak, but he is strong.”

– Tish Harrison Warren, Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life, InterVarsity Press



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