

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Baptism of the Lord – January 9, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
 Baptism of the Lord Sunday
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[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)
[Psalm 29](#)
[Acts 8:14-17](#)
[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#)

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 29:2-4

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders; the LORD over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Let us worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan
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Confession*

Isaiah 43:1

“But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

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 love into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. That we may love as you have loved, wash us again with the Holy Spirit; and that with clean hearts we may walk the way of Jesus.

(personal confession)

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Assurance

Isaiah 43:2-3

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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.*

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Luke 3:15-22

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Standing With

Hymn

Isaiah 43

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Affirmation of Faith

excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
PC(USA) Book of Confessions 11.1, 11.4-6

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call for the Offering and Doxology

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

"...yet for us there is One God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."

Let us give of ourselves as those who live for God and through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer****Hymn***Baptized in Water*

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Charge and Benediction**Postlude**