

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Online Worship Service – Baptism of the Lord Sunday – January 10, 2021**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings

Genesis 1:1-5

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany/ Baptism of the Lord

Psalm 29

Year B

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

God of heaven and earth, we gather in the name of Jesus to hear your Word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Speak to us with grace and truth, and pour out your love upon us that we may worship you not just with our lips, but with our lives; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Call to Worship**

adapted from **Genesis 1:1-5 / Mark 1:1-11**

**In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,**

*The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

**the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,**

*John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

**while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.**

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan...the heavens were torn apart and the Spirit descended like a dove on him.*

**Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.**

*And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

**Hymn**

*Sing Glory to the Name of God (Psalm 29)*

Glory to God Hymnal, #10

**Confession\***

from Psalm 29

*"Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength...The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders...the voice of the Lord breaks the cedars...The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire...The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl...the LORD sits enthroned as king forever."*

**God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, and help us hear your call for repentance. In Christ, loosen the ties that bind us to the ways we have been and the sin that has grown so normal to us.**

**Tear open the heavens, Lord; let your voice ring in our hearts and in our lives. Rest your Spirit upon us that we may be set free to serve you, and serve our neighbor; set free to love you, and love our neighbor.**

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*(personal confession)*

### **Assurance and Peace**

Acts 19:4

*"Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.'"*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Scripture**

Mark 1:1-13

### **Sermon**

*No Returns, No Refunds*

### **Hymn**

*Crashing Waters at Creation*  
Glory to God Hymnal, #476

### **Ordination and Installation of New Church Officers**

### **Offering and Doxology**

Psalm 29:2

*"Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name."*

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

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We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives, and from our lives, be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### **Announcements**

### **Prayers of the People**

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Loving God, we give you thanks and praise as we remember Jesus' baptism by John in the wilderness. We rejoice in the promise proclaimed there on that day; remind us of our promises to each other in our baptisms. And that in Christ we are marked as yours.

When we long for what was, remind us that we are yours. And when we are hesitant about where you may be calling – or driving – us, remind us that we are yours.

Amid a pandemic that still ravages lives and livelihoods, devastating families and communities; amid exposure of injustice churning the life of our nation; amid polarized and divided communities, help us hold on to your baptismal promise of love. Empower us by your Spirit to live out that love in all that we do, and in whatever the future may bring; leading the way in repentance, standing faithfully with the least of these, fiercely advocating for justice and righteousness, and being recklessly compassionate with grace.

We pray for those given power and authority in this world. For all those who have been entrusted to exercise leadership on behalf of the common good. Help them to discern wise use of resources to address the needs of those suffering from the pandemic and all its consequences. And move all of us to attend to cries and needs of those around us.

Lord, we pray for this world you have made. Move again over these troubled waters. Where carelessness and violence bring chaos, bring goodness, just order, light and life.

We pray for the Church. Renew us in the gifts of your Spirit and the call to discipleship. Where history and heresy have divided us, make us one again in the baptism of your truth and love.

And in a time of contentious divisions, we pray for our neighbor and all whom we may label enemy.

Give us courage to perceive the new that springs forth – the way in the wilderness and the rivers in the desert.

Teach us to love.

And we pray for those known to us. Prayers of healing for Jeannie and Judy, Bob and Walter, and Marilyn. Prayers of comfort for the Henry family. And in these times of quarantines and stay at home orders, we pray for Marilyn and Dot, Miriam, Elaine, and Gladys, and all at the Chapel Hill, Waterman Lake, Madonna Manor, the Highlands, and Atria assisted living facilities, and all who are separated from family and friends in this time.

And now here us as we offer prayers for those on our hearts and in our minds...

(personal prayers)

Lord, give us courage to perceive the new that springs forth – the way in the wilderness and the rivers in the desert.

And teach us to love. For we pray in the name of the One whose baptism tore open the heavens, ripping through all that might separate us from you, Jesus Christ our Lord; who taught us pray boldly together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 forever. Amen.

**Hymn**

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*  
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #132

**Charge and Benediction**

In Jesus Christ, the Beloved, you, too, are named beloved of God. Let us go on the path set before us in the light and love of God.

And the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forevermore. Amen.