

Baptism of our Lord C
January 12, 2025



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERRY, FL

GATHERING

PREPARATORY PRAYER (prayed upon entering the sanctuary) Eternal God, help me to live in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the willingness to be a blessing in someone's life today and grant me the opportunity to point others to the freedom only found in knowing Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"In Christ Called to Baptize"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS/SESSION SHARING

We stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L Holy Triune God, author of community, **come baptize us. Remind us what it means to belong to one another.**

In the Creator's love we are held, **into Christ's body we are baptized, and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed. All glory to God. Amen.**



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *(brief silence for reflection)*

Most holy and loving God, **you speak blessing and compassion. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, and indifference. We ignore needs of neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we embrace scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults. Release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

P God proclaims, “Do not fear. I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as children of God. **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L We pray: **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.**

We sit.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

L 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. ² 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. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

L Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

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.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

L 14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The 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). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We rise.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke the 3rd chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

“New Clothes”

Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant

We rise.

SERMON HYMN

I've Got Peace Like a River

GTG 623

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

THE NICENE CREED

L Let us profess the faith, saying:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the (†) resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We sit or stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

L *(brief silence)* For the church. Make us a people of your Word and Spirit so that we may live as true disciples of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

For the world. Gather up all the lost and forsaken from the troubled places of the earth; redeem and restore their lives. O God of grace, **blesus with peace.**

For this community. Help us, like John, to point to Christ, preparing the way for your holy realm of righteousness and justice.
O God of grace, **blesus with peace.**

For loved ones, for those on our prayer list and for those we name before you now. *(pause)* Support those who are suffering. Let them know they are precious to you. Call them by name and hold them close.
O God of grace, **blesus with peace.**

P Mighty God, strengthen your people so that we may live in the world as those you have chosen and called, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

EUCCHARIST

We sit.

OFFERTORY

L There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Come Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”*

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise *him, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit or stand.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

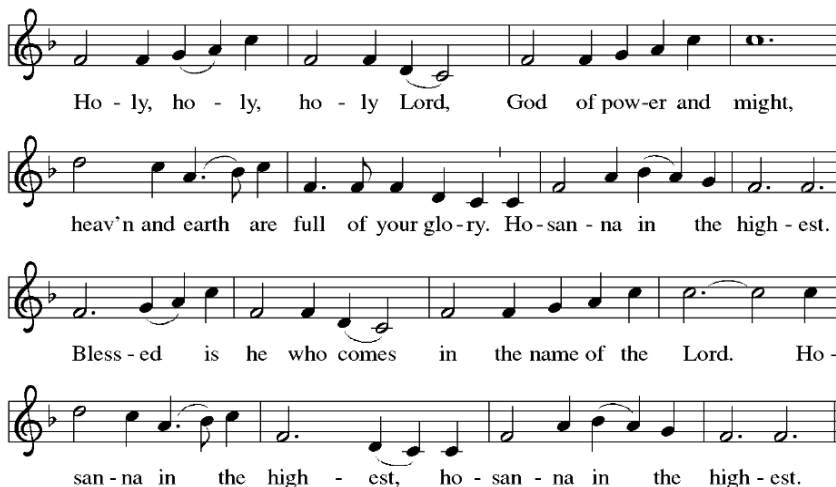
GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You are our creator and redeemer. By your strong Word, through the water of Baptism you deliver us and claim us as your beloved, your own. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: At his baptism by John in the Jordan, you poured out your Holy Spirit upon Jesus and revealed him to be your beloved Son.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us (†) and upon this bread and cup (†).
Make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Reshape
our lives by your living Word and renew our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may follow you more faithfully. Through the Lord Jesus
Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and
forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

(SUNG TO THE MALOTTE TUNE)

As Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Malotte Malotte

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be

Thy name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be

done on earth as it is in heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our debts as

we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-

liv-er us from e-vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the

Pow-er and the Glo-ry, for-ev-er. A - men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

(Communion servers come forward)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

P Come for all is now ready.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Will Come to You

GTG 177

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain *All*

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

love you and you are mine." 4 "I

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L *We pray:* We give you thanks and praise, O God, for feeding us with your mercy and pouring out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

P The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Alleluia!**

SENDING HYMN

Baptized in Water

GTG 482



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

DISMISSAL

L In the name of Jesus, bring good news to the poor. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship: Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant, Minister; Joey Ratliff, Liturgist; Amiee Roberts, Accompanist

Notes & Announcements

- **Worship committee** meeting Tuesday, January 14th at 6 p.m.
- **Ushers** for January 19th: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper, Dianna Sandonato
- **Liturgist** for January 19th: Dianna Sandonato
- **FPC website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Bobby Harper, Michael McMillan

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregational Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship-Juanita Ratliff

Finance-Cindy Brown

Mission/Outreach-Jamie Poppell

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins

FPC PRAYER LIST

TOGETHER, WE PRAY FOR:

CHUCK ECKEL

SANDI HILGENDORF

TEACHERS

MARGIE RAWLS

BLUE CREEK CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUPPER TEAMS

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RITA BENOIT, OPTIONS

RON POPPELL, ONGOING

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