

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

There are great expectations! One is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The threshing floor will be cleared; the chaff will burn with unquenchable fire; good tidings will come to the afflicted. This one will bind up the brokenhearted and set captives free. Those who mourn will find comfort. The heavens shall open and all will hear, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and exchange the greeting of peace.

* GATHERING MUSIC *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory,

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness shining;

Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,

Set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

Lord, I come to your awesome presence

From the shadows into your radiance;

By the blood I may enter your brightness,

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness;

So our faces display your likeness;

Ever changing from glory to glory;

Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are reluctant to dip our toes into faith’s river,

Jesus comes, to teach us how to swim.

When we are hesitant to cup our hands to drink from the fountain of grace,

Jesus comes, to reach in and splash our faces with God’s joy.

When we are unwilling to be the pipeline of hope,

Jesus comes, to turn on the faucets God has installed in our

hearts.

WE PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

* HYMN OF PRAISE #356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

When we clasp the past tight to our fading memories, you come, Glory of Creation: to strip us bare of all pride and pretense, with your future; to slip the latch on the fears and worries which keep us bound from following you; to stand with us when death and sin try to bully us. And we cry, 'Glory!'

When our faith flickers in the shadows of chaos, you come, Servant of sinners: to be the grace-crier through the streets of our hearts; to teach eager students the songs of peace and hope; to open our eyes heavy-lidded by indifference. And we cry, 'Glory!'

When we are dubious about being disciples, you come, Baptism's Spirit: to journey with peace-walkers through the world's violent streets; to strengthen us when we are bent by doubt; to anoint us with rivers of grace, hope, and reconciliation. And we cry, 'Glory!'

God in Community, Holy in One, we cry ‘Glory!’ to you.

The psalmist tells us that the One whose voice can knock trees to the ground listens to our hesitant prayers which speak of our sin, of how we have hurt others, as well as God. Join me, as we pray to the One who will bless us with peace and forgiveness.

You would have all people hear of your grace, Servant God, but we hinder your efforts by hoarding your Word for ourselves.

You would have hope flow through our neighborhoods, but we thwart your plans by damming it up in our hearts.

You would have us skip into your kingdom, but we frustrate your future by clinging so tightly to those grudges we have carried for so long.

Have mercy on us, Shaker of our wildernesses, and unlock the shuttered doors of our hearts.

Remind us that at our baptism you touch us with the waters of life, promise to be with us always, and call us your beloved, even as you sang your joy to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, at the waters of the Jordan.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

You know the good news God has proclaimed to you: we are called to let go of the past, and to walk, hand in hand with the Spirit, into the kingdom.

God forgives us, accepts us, and sends us forth to do good, and to testify about the One who baptizes us in the water and the Spirit. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

HALLE, HALLE

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

GOOD SOIL

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,

Where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away,

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

THE WORD SPOKEN

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

A Reading from Isaiah 43:1-7

PEW BIBLE, OT, PAGE 672

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us;

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC

ANTHEM *The Sinless One to Jordan Came*

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

THE WORD SPOKEN

A Reading from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

PEW BIBLE, NT, PAGE 60

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us;

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED: REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

REV. JOHNSON

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE #492 *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

*SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

We are a loving faith family, worshipping and serving God; and testifying in word and deed as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- THE APOSTLES’ CREED (ECUMENICAL VERSION)

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY** (WITH ALLELUIAS)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN** Christ, Be Our Light

FARRELL

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Lead Us, O Lord

BOYD BACON

* **POSTLUDE**

** You are invited to stand if you are able*

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have an interest in joining Faith Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.292.5704. Please visit our website at www.faithpresgso.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/faithpresgso.

Elders of the Month for January are Lindsey Brown and Sandy Jones

Worship leader for this morning is Lindsey Brown.

On the calendar for this week:

- **Theology on Tap** will continue this week, meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 at Elizabeth's Pizza, continuing our book study of *A New Kind of Christianity* by Brian McLaren.
- **Adult Sunday School.** Join us each Sunday morning at one of our two adult classes. The **Discussion Class** meets at 9:30 in the parlor for engaging conversation and discussion as we consider the text and sermon topic for the morning and look **Before the Sermon.** Also, you may want to attend our newest class, **The Present Word**, which meets in the library. Using our denomination's curriculum, this class considers scripture and its interpretation for today.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to immediately follow worship on **this morning**, for these purposes: to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Faith and Rev. Johnson; to act on the Session's recommendation to reduce the size of the Session from nine to six; and to elect as Elders for the Class of 2015, Betsy Rule and Betty Rissmiller.

The congregation is invited to a **Farewell Brunch** for John and Debbie Johnson, to be held following worship and the Congregational Meeting on today.



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

***We are a loving faith family,
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and testifying in word and deed
as disciples of Jesus Christ.***

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James M. Rissmiller, B.A., B.D., Th.M., Parish Associate
Jeremy Corn, Music Director
Lois Bazhaw, RN, Congregational Nurse
Lynn Beard, Office Administrator

January 13, 2013
11:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord

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