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Our Vision: Growing the Beloved Community
Our Mission: Actively engage society, nurture lives, cherish creation, and heal the world

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First Sunday @ 10

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Prayer and Worship on Wednesdays

Morning Prayer
McFarland Chapel
7:30 am

Celtic Evensong
Sanctuary
5:30 pm

Next Sunday, January 14

Morning Song
Pope Hall
8:30 am

Acts II Adult Ed
McFarland Chapel and on Zoom
9:45 am

Worship
Sanctuary and livestreamed
11:00 am

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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
GATHERING

Prelude
When Jesus Came to Jordan
arr. David Cherwien

Welcome
Rev. Dr. Harry W. Eberts III

‡ Please stand, as you are able.

‡ Hymn 475
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

‡ Opening Prayer
Book of Common Worship, pp. 469-470
(bold in unison)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God,
we give you thanks.
In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past,
and have blessed us with signs of your grace.

We praise you
that through the waters of the sea
you led your people Israel out of bondage,
into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you
for sending Jesus your Son,
who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.
Through the baptism of his death and resurrection
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death
and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you
for your Holy Spirit
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations
and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism,
and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit renew us,
that we may be empowered to do your will
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

TIME with OUR CHILDREN

BLESSING

by John Philip Newell

The children bless us.

We bless the children and one another:

(in unison)

In body, mind, and spirit,
may you be well this day.

And may you be strong
for the work of healing in the world.
COMMUNION

INVITATION

(bold in unison)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. . .

With heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place we say together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

DISTRIBUTION of COMMUNION

Communion wafers are gluten-free.

Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany

Maurice Duruflé

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING
A READING from the GOSPELS

So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed,

“The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
    I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water,
    but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens,

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

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM

*Down in the Valley to Pray!*  
African-American spiritual  
arr. Michael Cleveland

Chancel Choir

O brother, let's go down, let's go down, let's go down!  
O brother, let's go down, down in the valley to pray!

As I went down in the valley to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way.  
You shall wear a starry crown, Good Lord show me the way!  
O sister, let's go down, let's go down, let's go down!  
O sister, let's go down, down in the valley to pray!

As I went down in the valley to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way.  
You shall wear a robe and crown, Good Lord show me the way!  
O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, let's go down!  
O sinners, let's go down, down in the valley to pray!

O sister, let's go down, let's go down, let's go down!  
O brother, let's go down, down in the valley to pray!

MESSAGE

Spirit Descending  
Rev. Harry Eberts

RENEWAL of BAPTISM

*Down to the River to Pray*  
arr. Pepper Choplin

‡ HYMN 485  
*We Know That Christ is Raised*
**RESPONDING**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

‡ **Hymn 607**  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
*Sing the words that are most meaningful to you.*

‡ **Prayer of Dedication**  
(in unison)  
*by Thom M. Shuman*  
*lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com*

Bathed in the waters of baptism,  
we are graced people.

As graced people,  
we recognize the gifts  
which have been poured out upon us.

Recognizing these gifts,  
we take them  
and give them back to you, God of the waters,  
so that others might be bathed in hope,  
graced with joy,  
gifted with your peace and love.

Amen.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for:

Ona Larson Malleck (sister of Lelah Larson)          Mary Ann Fowlkes
Hal Bolton (husband of Linda Larkin)                 Mary Lou Williams
Mike Freeburger (husband of Tillie Perkins)         Bruce Rolstad
Tony Romero (father of Maria Romero)                Steve Kinnett
Connie Wine (sister-in-law of Judi Haines)          Ingrid Lincoln
Marin Talabera (friend of Dennis Sanderson)         Sara Romer
Elaine Lea (mother of Leah Paalman)                 Dorothy Karayanis
Simon Bredbeck (great nephew of Janis Chitwood)     Harriett Barber
Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges)             Chuck Poitras
Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)                   Jennifer Elliott

And we pray for our ministry partners:

Westminster Presbyterian Church                     Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith
The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis                Sagua la Grande Church, Cuba

LIGHTING OF PRAYER CANDLES

You are invited to come forward to light a prayer candle.

Now the Silence                                      John Carter

We pray for people and places, silently or aloud, and respond together:

May they know the deep peace of Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER                                    Hymnal, page 35
Welcome

‡ Passing of the Peace

‡ Hymn 752  Dona Nobis Pacem

‡ Benediction  Rev. Harry Eberts

Postlude  We Know That Christ is Raised  David Cherwien
SERVING TODAY

Officiant and Preacher: Rev. Dr. Harry W. Eberts III
Co-celebrant: Rev. Dr. Mary Kuhns
Organist/Music Director: Dr. Linda Raney
Associate Musician: David Beatty
Assistant Choir Director and Cantor: Travis Bregier
Chancel Choir

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