



North Presbyterian Church

"Let us stir one another up to love and good deeds" – Hebrews 10.24

Through the rich diversity of God's people, and our heritage as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we express the faith of Christ, seeking to model in our life together the Beloved Community.

Together we are ambassadors for Christ: **joining** together to praise, **standing** together in service, **marching** together for justice, **praying** together for peace.

Baptism of the Lord January 8, 2016

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's 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.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Confession of Sin

All **Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.**

Hymn #555

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hymn #581

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9 NRSV

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 NRSV

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!

Epistle

Acts 10:34-43 NRSV

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #485

We Know That Christ is Raised

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Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17 NRSV

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Hymn #482

Baptized in Water

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Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Scripture Sentences

Renunciations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

The Peace

Minister The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn #492

You Belong to Christ

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The PRAYERS of the People

Let us give thanks to God:

or

Let us pray to the Lord:

We thank you, our God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Offering

Hymn #606

Doxology

All **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Minister Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

Minister The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Hymn #552 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

All **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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Hymn #600 *Amen*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hymn #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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Charge and Blessing

Minister The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

All **Alleluia! Amen.**

Postlude

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Announcements

Church Night Supper – Thursdays, 5:30pm, at FCC.

Recovery, Inc. – Tuesdays, 12pm. Mental Health support group @ FCC

Freedom Group – Wednesdays, 7pm. Narcotics Anonymous (NA), 12-Step support group @ FCC.

Spiritual Formation – Sundays, 9am, upstairs in the Mary/Martha Room. Class by Rev. Nathan Dannison.

Resiliency Group – Sundays, 9am, upstairs in the Youth Room. Class on resiliency by a social worker.

Bible Study – 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10am in the library @ FCC.

Study Group – Thursdays, 1pm, at Stadium Drive Apartments (4249 Lakesedge Dr).

We are reading together *The Joy of the Gospel* by Pope Francis. Copies available for \$10. See Pastor Barrett.

Potluck Lunch – January 8, immediately after worship. Downstairs dining room at FCC. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Congregational Leadership Team – Joint meeting of Session and Deacons. Third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting: January 18, 5:30pm. Potluck supper, evening prayer, business.

Morning Prayer – In the Chapel at St. Luke's Episcopal (247 W Lovell St). Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am.

Togetherness Group – (269) 569-3826

Upcoming Activities

Date	Activity	Pickup Time
12/6	Dollar Store	12:30-1:30
12/13	Christmas Card Party	12:30-1:30
12/20	Light Tour	5:30-6:30
1/10	Old Country Buffet	10:30-11:30
1/17	Bingo	12:30-1:30
1/24	Movies	12:30-1:30
1/31	Lunch	10:30-11:30

January Birthdays: 1 – Gabriella Barry, 1 – Jeff Binns, 17 – Renee Dejonge, 19 – Niko Bridges, 20 – Tonja Oswald, 21 – Gary Nelson, 24 – Pat Taylor

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