

Order of Worship

January 7, 2024

Baptism of the Lord



Prelude

Praise and Honor, Smith

Call to Worship (Responsive)

from Psalm 29

One: 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.

All: 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.

One: May the Lord give strength to his people!

All: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Hymn No. 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

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 one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581

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.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i> , arr. Harlan (11:00 a.m.)
Word to Grow By	(11:00 a.m.)
Second Reading	<i>Mark 1:4-11</i>
Sermon	<i>The Heavens Torn Apart</i> , Rev. Nick Reed
Hymn No. 137	<i>He Came Down</i> (11:00 a.m.)
Affirmation of Faith (Unison)	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i> , Hymnal, p. 35
Prayers of the People	
Offertory	<i>Let Us Glorify His Name</i> , Moore (11:00 a.m.)
Doxology No. 606	
<i>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.</i>	
Communion	(9:00 a.m.)
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer	Hymnal p. 35
Hymn No. 634	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>
Benediction	
Postlude	<i>Blessed Day</i> , Scriveyner

Liturgist: Wesley Anne Barnes

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Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors