

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Baptism of the Lord Digital Traditional Service



January 17, 2021

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Mode de Re" from Eight Modal Pieces

Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

#424

CHARTERHOUSE

1 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,
In every city for Your love and care;
Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising
That Your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.

2 Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,
Strong in Your strength to venture and to dare;
To lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble.
Seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

3 Show us Your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,
As You once wept above Jerusalem,
Seeking to gather all in love and pity,
And healing those who touch Your garment's hem.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFSSION

PRAYER OF CONFSSION

Gracious and Loving God, In Baptism you set us free from the powers of sin and death, and commission us as followers and servants of Jesus Christ. Yet too often we claim you without accepting your claim on us: we call Christ Lord without following him; we receive your grace without offering it; we accept

your love without living it out. Forgive us, Lord, and send your Spirit upon us once more; strengthen us in our faith and empower us in our service, so that you may be well-pleased in everything we do.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC Precious Jesus

Jay Althouse

Rebecca Erhardt, Soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:4-11

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Where It Begins”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#70

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

CAITHNESS

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove,
and yet as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.

2 God called you, ""My beloved Son"";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heaven,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will do to.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,

that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.

BAPTISM Kennedy Gene Burgess, child of Taryn Burgess and Chris Kurtz
Jacob Bear, child of Lauren and Thomas Bear

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Meditation

Charles-Edouard Lefebvre

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

#343

BEECHER

1 Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end

2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering

Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

4 So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude from "Music for a Sunday Morning"

Harold Rohling