

Baptism of the Lord Sunday • January 10, 2021 • Order of Worship

Prelude - Star of Wonder Alan Bullard
Suzanne Bowman, soprano; Jennifer Poff Trentham, soprano;
Brian Shaw, tenor; Edward Caruthers, baritone; and Ben Weaver, organ

Welcome and Announcements Kent Winters-Hazelton

Call to Worship Doodle Harris
Over the waters of creation, God spoke:
Let there be light!
Over the waters of the Jordan, God spoke:
This is my beloved Son.
Let us worship God.

Hymn No. 152 - What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God who formed the heavens and earth, all that dwell in them—we gratefully acknowledge that by your Word, you created us, and that by your Spirit, you continue to sustain us. Yet we too often live as though we were our own, as through your world belonged to us. We have failed to be good stewards of your creation, and have conducted ourselves as though the earth was made for us. Forgive our resistance to your life-giving Spirit. Fill our hearts with gratitude and humility. Empower us to embrace and display your holy claims on our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

At the water's edge, our fears are relieved and our hopes restored, for we have turned to God because God has first turned to us. Friends, by the waters of our baptism, you and I are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination John Ferré
Send down your Holy Spirit, O God—tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Acts 19:1-7

Be still and know that I am God. (x 3)

Time with Young Disciples Megan Berry

Second Reading

Mark 1:4-15

Sermon

Kent Winters-Hazelton

“Jesus, the Jordan, and the Beginning of the Journey to Jerusalem”

Hymn No. 292 - As the Wind Song

WAIKUA TAPU

Prayers of the People

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem - Wade in the Water

H.T. Burleigh

Edward Caruthers, baritone and Ben Weaver, piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Thank you, God of Love, for the promise of your call upon our lives. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

Hymn - How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

MATERNA

Benediction

Postlude - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Walter L. Pelz

Ben Weaver, organ

The flowers today are dedicated to the Deacons by an anonymous old lady in appreciation for all the many kindnesses they have done me and my fellow oldsters this Covid-19 year!

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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers: Shirley Wicklander, John Reed, Bobby Franklin, Pat Dolack, Dennis Robertson, Adelaide Smith, and Betty Smith.

Condolences to Carol and Leah Pye on the death of Charlie Pye on December 31st.