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living in faith and enlivening the world.*



## **The Baptism of Our Lord**

**"Children of God"**

**January 10, 2021  
10:00 AM  
Zoom Worship**

## **Welcome to Cornwall Presbyterian Church!**

We are delighted to have you here with us today. Here is an order of worship if you would like to follow along.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We hope to see you again soon!

**Hymn:** 482 “Baptized in Water” .....Ruthanne Schempf, piano  
Greg Ransom, guitar

## **Welcome**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

You call our names, O God,  
and speak them in love.

Each one known and held by you,  
affirming our place in your heart.

In water, we are bound together;  
in love, we are made one;  
in grace, we are renewed.

So may we celebrate our belonging,  
and hear again in the story of Jesus  
a call for us to follow.

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Response:** 840 “When Peace Like a River...” .....Ruthanne Schempf

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

*Silent Prayers*

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The good news is that even if we at first do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls us again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**.....Rick Hoff

**Scripture**.....Rick Hoff

**From Genesis 1:1-5**

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

**From Mark 1:1-11**

*The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside 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 thong 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 on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Children's Time**

**Music for Reflection:** 478 "Save Me, O God; I Sink in Floods".....Ruthanne Schempf, piano  
Greg Ransom, guitar

**Sermon:** "Children of God" .....Rev. Patricia Calahan

**Hymn:** 475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" .....Ruthanne Schempf, organ

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "There is a Fountain" .....Ruthanne Schempf, organ  
Arr. Nigel Williams

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the chancel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Zachary Carey by his parents. Today is Zachary's 26th birthday.

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This morning we are delighted to celebrate the ordination and installation of officers. We will be doing this over Zoom at 10:00 a.m. We are installing: Joanne Cox, Paul Korykora, Barbara Pisciak, and Joelle Scott to a term of service as ruling elder. We are ordaining and installing Cindy Chapman to a term of service as ruling elder. Please join me in prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for these elders as they begin their terms.

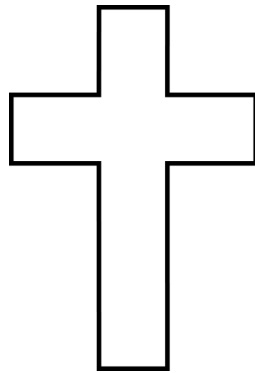
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Helen Caudy will be 100 years old on February 4<sup>th</sup>! We want to help her celebrate with birthday cards and messages. Please send cards to Helen c/o Bill and Cheryl Gould.

**Sunday School:** Today our Sunday school will meet via Zoom at 1:00 P.M. Join us to hear about our Souper Bowl service project.

**Jesus: A Pilgrimage:** Ken Sampson book study continues in the new year. All are welcome to join at anytime. The group meets on Thursdays at 12:00 on Zoom. The next meeting is January 9th. Contact Ken to obtain the book and details on Zoom/phone connections.

**Lunch Bunch:** Start the new year with a new book! Lunch Bunch will meet at 12:00 on Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, starting January 13th. They will be reading Joanna Weaver's Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out. You can contact Marion Thomas for information about book copies. A Zoom link will be sent out the week of the meeting.



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