

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

JANUARY 12, 2020

11:00 AM

On **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**, we not only remember Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River, we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ.

\*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text  
People: **Bold text**

The prelude is based on Hymn No. 691, "Land of Rest."

The call to worship, confession and pardon are based on prayers by Thom Shuman.

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CALLED TOGETHER

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PRELUDE "Lord, When I Came into This Life" G. Martin

\*INTROIT "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 143, v. 1

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
You, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ the new born king!**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Baptized to begin lives of faith,

**we would witness to all you do**

**in our communities, in our midst, in our world.**

Baptized to serve,

**we would speak up for the voiceless,**

**we would bring justice to those who have none.**

Baptized to speak,

**we would heal, and not hurt;**

**we would bless, and not curse.**

Baptized like Jesus,

**we would gather to worship,**

**as beloved children of God.**

\*HYMN NO. 482 "Baptized in Water" *BUNNESSAN*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have been baptized, just like Jesus. But unlike him, we need to be washed clean of our sins; we need to be adopted into God's family; we need to be brought back to life. Our need is so great and you have embraced us. But once baptized, we have forgotten our need and forgotten our blessing.**

**Forgive us. Bathe us once more in the life giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water, ready to do good for others, to give you all the praise, to learn justice, grace, and hope from your Servant, Jesus Christ.** *(silent prayers of confession)* And all God's people say, **Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends!

**The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE "*The peace of Christ be with you.*" "*And also with you!*"

\*SONG OF PRAISE "Glory to the Father"

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen**

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## TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come to the Water"

Foley/Schrader

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

GATHERING

"Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,  
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:  
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Todd Wright

SONG OF PREPARATION

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON "Belonging" Dr. Todd Wright

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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the PCUSA Study Catechism

What is baptism?

**Baptism is the sign and seal through which we are joined to Christ.**

What does it mean to be baptized?

**My baptism means that I am joined to Jesus Christ forever. I am baptized into his death and resurrection, along with all who have received him by faith. As I am baptized with water, he baptizes me with his Spirit, washing away all my sins and freeing me from their control. My baptism is a sign that one day I will rise with him in glory, and may walk with him even now in newness of life.**

\*HYMN NO. 688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" *MORECAMBE*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INSTALLATION AND/OR ORDINATION OF ELDERS IN THE CLASS OF 2022

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "All Glory Be to God on High" M. Burkhardt

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

**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.**

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Breinar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



STAFF

Rev. Dr. Todd Wright  
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Parker  
Minister of Education  
and the Arts

Carolyn Perrine  
Organist

Leslie Breinar  
Secretary

Dionne Canterbury  
Children's Choir Dir.

Sharon Curnutte  
Choir Director Emeritus

#### SESSION

Class of 2019  
Cindy Hanna  
Noah Lawson  
Angie Price  
Jim Smith  
Chuck Stump

Class of 2020  
Jack Grimm  
Kathy Kruk  
Peggy Palmer  
Patty Skaff

Class of 2021  
Heather Barry  
Greg Rader  
Sarah Stump  
Barbara Tabaretti

Clerk of Session  
Rose Ann Walker

#### TRUSTEES

Richard Callard '20  
John France '21  
Nancy Wallace '22

## TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

- \*HYMN NO. 488 "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" WATERLIFE
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*RESPONSE: "Go with Us Lord" No. 748  
**Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That with your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**
- \*POSTLUDE "Recessional on 'Sicilian Mariners' " D. Wagner

**GREETERS:** *Greeters before Worship:* Jeff and Rona Smith *Greeters after Worship:* Peggy Palmer & Heather Barry

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*; Rona Smith, *liturgist*

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Sarah Gottlieb & Heather Barry

**FLOWERS:** The dozen yellow roses in the Sanctuary are given by Howard and Patti Salisbury, in loving memory of Emily.

### THIS SUNDAY, January 12, 2020


- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship with Installation/Ordination of Elders
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

### THIS WEEK

- + Monday, January 13, 9:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi; 6:30 PM – Bird Club
- + Tuesday, January 14, 6 PM – Stewardship Meeting; 7 PM – Choir Practice
- + Wednesday, January 15, 11 AM – Bridge
- + Thursday, January 16, 12 PM – PW Luncheon
- + Friday, January 17, ELDER RETREAT; 7 PM – NA Meeting
- + Saturday, January 18, ELDER RETREAT Continued

### NEXT SUNDAY, January 19, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

 **Those having a birthday this week:** Ray Boggs (14<sup>th</sup>) and Alex Panger (16<sup>th</sup>). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

**PRAYERS FOR:** Jane Harich; Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Peggy Palmer; Beth Chiparo; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Jimmy Clark; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Sandy Copeland; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

**Those in care facilities:** Martha Foster, Sherry Russell, Helen Singleton

**Those overseas:** Matthew Walker

#### All Students

**Military Service:** Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

**Nyeri Presbytery:** Gichira Church (Pronounced GAY'she-RAH)

**WV Council of Churches:** United Methodist Church

**Churches in the Presbytery of WV:** DuPont City Presbyterian Church; Hughes River Presbyterian Church; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charleston

**Missionaries:** Steve and Sonia Dettweiler

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Detail of a mosaic in the Cathedral of San Marco, 13th c., Venice.

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing.

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

**Please remember to silence your cell phones.**

*"Village Chapel Presbyterian Church is a congregation of God's people, a lively community of faith, striving to serve God according to God's ever evolving plan; passionately seeking opportunities to reflect God's love in our everyday lives through service, humility, self-examination and reflection, study and prayer. We are called to be generous and wise stewards of our God given gifts, talents, money and earthly resources, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Our mission, simply stated is that we are called to love, and to serve, and to be beacons of Christ's endless love and forgiveness, spreading God's eternal light to all people."*