

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
January 10, 2021 10:15 AM
Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Gathering Song: “Take, O Take Me As I Am”

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Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be:
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly being, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: May the Lord give strength to God’s people! May the Lord bless God’s people with peace!

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

vs 1 No. 356

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor. (Rom. 5:8 & Heb. 4:16)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: We come as your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth your Spirit, yet we do not respond to your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status. Christ calls us to follow; yet we disobey his commandment. Evidence of your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in your love uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of repentance.

One: Hear the good news! God said to Jesus, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” We have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weakness, who has been tempted as we are, yet is without sin. In Christ’s name we may draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, and there find mercy and grace to help in time of need.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

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.

GOSPEL:

Mark 1: 4-11

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.”

SERMON:

“Baptism, Repentance and Moving On”

Rev. Ken Ribe

HYMN:

“Christ of the Upward Way”

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: