

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, January 18, will be our celebration of the baptism of Jesus. This annual observance is an opportunity for us to remember and reflect upon our own baptisms—to think about, feel, and embody what it means to have encountered the living water and to have been filled with the Holy Spirit. In preparation for Sunday, I encourage you to envision baptism every time you wash your hands or shower or bathe throughout the next several days. Let the water on your skin be a spiritual awakening!

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via YouTube and Facebook.

For YouTube Live, please go to our channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9\\_YWEusCQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/), subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select “Live” videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

As always, I have included worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *Matthew*:

***“When Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”***

In Christ and with Love,

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