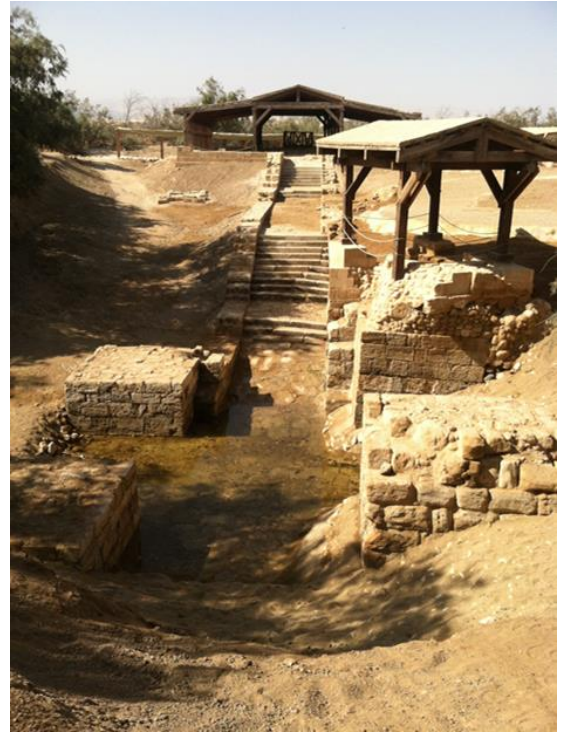


Dear All,

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

This coming Sunday, January 12 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/, 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 *Luke*:

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem