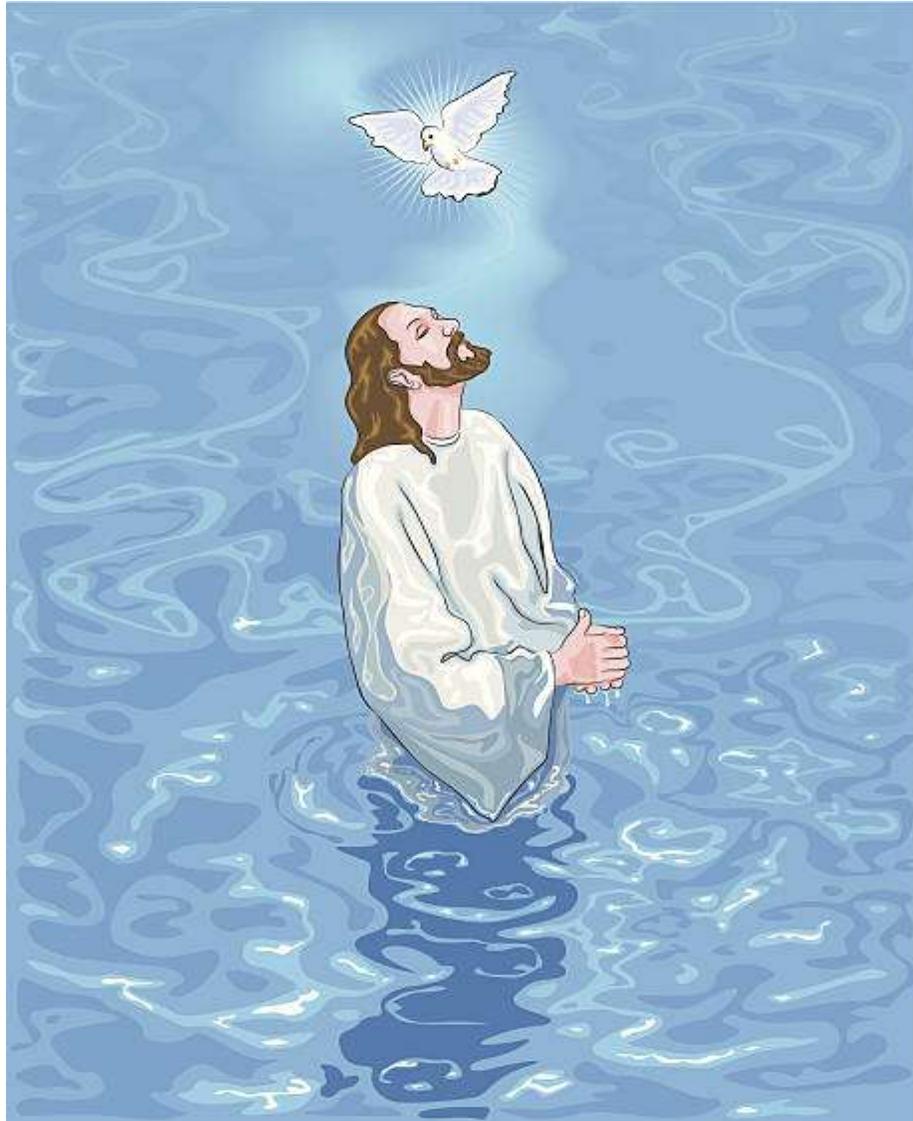


Grace Community Presbyterian Church
January 9, 2022



Baptism of The Lord

Thought for Meditation:

Jesus decided to enter even more deeply into the human condition. Though sinless, Jesus participates in the ritual [baptism] that others are performing as well. He participates in this movement of repentance and conversion not because he needs it, but because it aligns him with those around him, with those anticipating the reign of God, with the community of believers. It's an act of solidarity, a human act from the Son of God, who casts his lot with the people of the time. *James Martin, SJ*

Prelude Two Settings of "Christ, the Life of All the Living" Zachau/ Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Doug Marshall

Call To Worship Psalm 29:1-4 Jackie Chickerella

L: Ascribe to the LORD glory and praise.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.

L: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.

P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

L: The God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

P: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: Let us sing the praises of our great and glorious Lord.

*** Hymn of Praise** Great Is the Lord #140

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.

Create in us a clean heart, reconcile us to one another, give us the strength and courage to follow you faithfully, and bless us with your peace. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness 1 Peter 3:18, 21

L: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous;

P: Christ died to bring us to God.

L: Through baptism we are united to Christ and reconciled to God.

P: Our sins are washed away and we are God's beloved children.

All: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

* Passing of the Peace

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Glory Be To The Father** #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music	The Work of Christmas (Forrest)		Wendy Aurednik
Scripture	John 1:25-29 Matthew 3:13-17	(page 922) (page 837)	
Sermon	Jesus' Baptism		
* Hymn of Response	Baptized in Water		#465
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed		
	I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.		
Prayers of the People			
Call for Tithes and Offerings			
Offertory	Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song		Wallace
* Doxology			#815
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
* Prayer of Dedication			
* Hymn of Dedication	Take My Life and Let It Be (v1-3,5)		#597
* Charge and Benediction			
* Congregational Response	Take My Life and Let It Be (v6)		#597
	Take my will and make it Thine – It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart – it is Thine Own, It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.		
* Postlude	In Thee Is Gladness		Bach

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***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after the service. Your hosts will be John and Cindy Irvin.

C.S. Lewis – Adult Sunday School Class

When: Sundays @ 9:00 AM 1/9, 16, 23, 30

Doug Marshall will be leading this four week class

Where: Library

He was one of the most published authors of the 20th century and a professor of medieval literature at Oxford and Cambridge. He was a man who loved drinking beer at the local pub and smoking his pipe, yet was (and still is) an icon of the Evangelical church. He was raised a Presbyterian, became an atheist, and then accepted Christ as an adult. Learn more of his story and how his writing encourages and challenges us to grow in our faith.

Last Call for Directory Updates: We are still working on updating the Membership List. There are two draft copies (both the same) of the Membership List in the Narthex. Please take a couple minutes and review your contact information. Make any corrections on one of the draft copies, and don't forget to add your email address. Thank you in advance.

TODAY'S MUSIC: Ernst Homburg (1605-1681), a court clerk and counselor in Naumburg, Germany, also had a gift for writing poetry. A member of two German literary societies, his earlier poems were secular, including love songs and drinking songs. After a difficult time of family illness and other afflictions he experienced a religious conversion. His poetry now had a new focus. A lawyer by profession, he wrote hymns to express and strengthen his own faith rather than for public use. Homburg spoke of these as his "Sunday labors." The first stanza of today's prelude, as translated by Catherine Winkworth, is:

Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ the Death of death, our foe,
Who Thyself for us once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,
Patiently didst yield Thy breath
But to save my soul from death;
Praise and glory ever be,
Blessèd Jesus, unto Thee.

The Rev. Dr. Carl P. Daw, Jr., is the author of the hymn ***Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*** (today's offertory). Dr. Daw found his inspiration for this hymn from [A Religion for Our Time](#) by Louis Evely. In his book, Evely described the Holy Spirit saying, "the image of the dove was chosen not because of the shape of the bird, but because of the moan. The dove murmurs all the time. It is because the Holy Spirit moans all the time that he is represented under the form of a dove; it is a verbal and not a plastic image." He went on to quote Romans 8:26: "In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings."

*Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

This Week's Calendar

Jan. 9	C.S. Lewis Adult SS Class	9:00am
Jan. 10	Cub Scouts Cmte. Meeting	6:45pm
Jan. 11	Bible Study	1:00pm
Jan. 12	Choir	7:00pm
	Cub Scouts Pack Mtg.	
Jan. 13	CE Committee Meeting	3:00pm

Looking Ahead

Jan. 16	C.S. Lewis Adult SS Class	9:00am
Jan. 17	Finance Cmte. Mtg.	6:00pm
	Mission Cmte. Mtg.	6:30pm
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Jan. 18	Bible Study	1:00pm
Jan. 19	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Jan. 20	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm

Events
Calendar

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