

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**January 13, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Praise and Thanks for the New Year” (Ritter)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

***OPENING HYMN #10** *“Sing Glory to the Name of God”* (Kirchengesang)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, your Son was baptized by John, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him. Today we remember our own baptisms. We acknowledge that baptism is, among many things, a sign of dedication and commitment to the one who was baptized on that day.

Forgive us, we pray, when we forget or neglect our baptismal vows, when we falter in our following, when we are distracted by other, lesser things. Forgive us when we fail to live as those claimed by you in the waters of baptism. Send your Holy Spirit to us, also, so that we may truly repent, so that we may live as those who have been claimed and redeemed, so that we may imitate your Son in our lives under his authority and power. We pray in his name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581** *“Gloria Patri”* (Greatorex)

**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.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Be Not Afraid” (Courtney)

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 8:14-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Baptizing Jesus”

***HYMN #482**

“Baptized in Water” (Gaelic Melody)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Confession of 1967*

By humble submission to John’s baptism, Christ joined himself to human beings in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Baptized in Water” (Broughton)

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**

(Genevan Psalter)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

God of perfect wisdom, today we thank you for the priceless gift of your Son, born to peasant parents in a backwater village, praised by angels and shepherds and wise men, the Messiah for whom your people had waited so long. He received your affirmation and was empowered by your Holy Spirit at the river. We recall with humility that he bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities.

In response we rededicate our lives to his service and to the service of others in his name. We recall our baptismal vows. We affirm that in baptism we have died and been raised in Christ, that we are new creations, redeemed and sent to proclaim him and to be his ambassadors in the world. Empower us by your Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful. Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #475** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*
(Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.