

# Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Prelude

#### Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Psalm 29

Leader: Honor the Lord, you heavenly beings;  
Honor the Lord for His glory and strength.

**All: Honor the Lord for the glory of His name.**

**Worship the Lord in the splendor of His Holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea. The God of glory thunders.  
The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.

**All: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
The voice of the Lord is majestic.**

Leader: The Lord rules over the floodwaters.  
The Lord reigns as king forever.

**All: The Lord gives his people strength.  
The Lord blesses them with peace.**

### \*Hymn #361

### How Firm a Foundation

### \*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from brothers and sisters in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism, so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.**

### Silent Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Church, say the good news with me . . .

**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

### \*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

*Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.*

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 43:1-7

(pew Bible OT, p. 672)

**New Testament Lesson:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(pew Bible NT, p. 60)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### "How is Your Glass?"

Chad McCain

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn #379

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

### Prayers of the People

### Call to Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

#### The Baptism Carol

D. Busarow

*The sinless one to Jordan came, To share our fallen nature's blame;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, And chose the path his Father willed.  
Uprising from the waters there, The voice from heaven true witness bear  
That Christ, the Son of God, had come To lead his scattered people home.  
Above him see the heavenly Dove, The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed Upon the Son's anointed head.  
How blest that mission then begun To heal and save a race undone!  
Straight to the wilderness he goes To wrestle with his people's foes.  
Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin, Go forth with you a world to win:  
And send the Holy Spirit's power To shield them in temptation's hour.  
On you may all your people feed, And know you are the Bread indeed,  
Who gives eternal life to those That with you died, and with you rose.*

### \*Doxology

Hymn #592

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

### \*Hymn #372

### Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

### \*Benediction

### \*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Postlude

#### Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"

R. Elliott

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### Sunday, January 13

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (FH/MS Youth Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Run/Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
- 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (FH/HS Youth Room)

### Monday, January 14

- 9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
- 10:00 a.m. PW Horizon Circle (Officers' Room)
- 10:00 a.m. PW Book Circle (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

### Tuesday, January 15

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee (Officers' Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Officers' Room)

### Wednesday, January 16

- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 126)

### Thursday, January 17

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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**Pastor on Call:** Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

**Members Helping Members for January:** Ginny McCraw 528-1927 and Sally DeNiord 384-8153

**Who's on First?** For those who have joined FPC in the past couple of years and visitors who are interested in joining, this class offers an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the church, how to get involved, polity, and what "Worship +2" means. This New Members' Class will meet Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m., February 3 through February 24 in the Officers' Room.

**Our office needs some help!** We are actively looking for volunteers to help greet visitors, assist with answering the phone, and perform some administrative tasks during the week. Shifts are 9 a.m.–noon and noon–3 p.m. We ask volunteers to be available for one or two shifts per month. Training is provided. Please contact Karen Saul if interested at 384-6231 or [office@fpclly.org](mailto:office@fpclly.org).

**Volunteers needed Friday, January 25 @ 6:30 p.m.:** Kathleen is looking for some congregational volunteers to help with the first event of the Middle School Lock-in. There will be a church-wide scavenger hunt for the youth to complete, and adults are scattered throughout the church for safety and as a part of the scavenger hunt. Dinner is a part of the plan too! Finalizing details now with more information to come, but congregational volunteers for this first portion should be finished by 9:30 p.m. Sign up at the table just off the Foyer or e-mail Kathleen today!

**Orange Cart:** February will bring the orange shopping cart back to the lobby at FPC as we take our turn stocking the shelves of the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food is welcome, but there is a special need for canned fruit. Please check expiration dates!

**Rise Against Hunger, February 10 @ 5:00 p.m.:** Our 2018-19 Confirmation Class is hosting a service event for our entire congregation. Come join us! In under 2 hours' time, we will package over 10,000 meals to be sent around the world, delivered through education-oriented programs. You won't want to miss this opportunity! Please sign up at the table just off the Foyer, or e-mail Kathleen, so we can appropriately plan for the number of volunteers we will have present.

\*\*\*Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on [www.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.org), the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.\*\*\*



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