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10:30 AM

1st Sunday of Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Shall We Gather At the River

HANSON PLACE

Call to Worship (Bold = All)

Psalm 96:2-3

Sing, and bless God's name;

tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.

We are the body of Christ. Let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heir of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King,
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Litany for the Baptism of the Lord

O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

Lord, have mercy.

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 sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome those who seem different; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from all we do that separates us from you. Remind us of the promises of forgiveness you make in baptism to wash us, that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of Christ's Peace

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5

1:1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

1:2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

1:4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

1:5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Epistle

Acts 19:1-7

19:1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.

19:2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

19:3 Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

19:4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus."

19:5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

19:6 When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied--

19:7 altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11 The Baptism of Jesus

1:4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

1:5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

1:6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

1:7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

1:8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us how to pray by saying:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings

(See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

Offertory Response

Living Waters

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Doxology

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

SENDING

Sending Hymn

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

God of the sparrow, God of the whale
God of the swirling stars;
How does the creature say Awe,
How does the creature say Praise?

God of the rainbow, God of the cross
God of the trumpet blast;
How does the creature say Grace,
How does the creature say Thanks?

God of the hungry, God of the sick
God of the prodigal;
How does the creature say Care,
How does the creature say Life?

God of the ages, God near at hand,
God of the loving heart;
How do your children say Joy,
How do your children say Home.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on ELLACOMBE

arr. Douglas Wagner

OFFERING OPTIONS

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Announcements

- 2021 BUDGET CAMPAIGN UPDATE – For 2021 our pledge budget goal is \$419,506.00. As of this past Sunday (1-3-21) we have received 74 pledges in the amount of \$335,149.00. This represents 79.89% of the proposed pledge budget.

We are sending out pledge confirmations as pledges are received. Please check this confirmation and let the office know of any discrepancies. If you have pledged and do not receive a confirmation letter, please contact the church.

If you have not received a pledge card, please contact the church office.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. amy@wbpresbyterian.org – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

Pastoral Concerns

- For Peggy Stevens, who is recovering at home after a hospitalization.
- For Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church, members and friends, the session, teachers and church leaders. Pray for our nation and all nations.
- For Ella McNeill, who is now in hospice care in heart and kidney failure.
- For the Family of Eleanor Sykes, who passed away at the age of 97. Eleanor was a long-time member of Western Boulevard.
- Sympathy extended to friends and family of Dottie DuBose-Blum who passed away December 4.

Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;

Robert Owens, liturgist;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music, videography and production;

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