

United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide
January 8, 2023 Baptism of the Lord Sunday



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Allen Pease

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder David Barnett, Liturgist

Liturgist: We gather to worship God who does wondrous things.

People: **God of justice and love, be present to us in our worship.**

Liturgist: Renew us here as the showers that water the earth.

People: **God welcomes all people to this holy place.**

Liturgist: Blessed be God's glorious name.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

*Opening Hymn

Seek Ye First

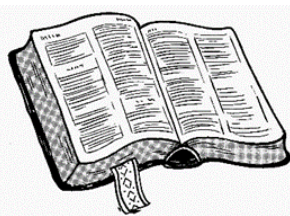
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.



THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalm 29* (pew Bible p.417; Large Print p.851)

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 10:34-43* (pew Bible p.840; Large Print p.1694)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Ingemisco from Requiem

G. Verdi

Conner McWhirter, tenor

**SERMON***We are Witnesses*

Elder Don Root

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostle's Creed (traditional)

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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Elder Don Root

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Elder Don Root

Closing HymnThine Is the Glory*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Elder Don Root

POSTLUDE*Lift High the Cross*

Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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Yoshi & Ihoko Yoshida Shea Henry Olivia McKenzie Nora vander Heijden

Cathy Junken Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Berta Wenneker

His Eyes Mission led by Valerie & Felipe Colby in Honduras

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project led by Jackson Kaguri in the U.S. and Uganda

Our military men and women stationed around the world

Jefferson Presbyterian Church in Canaan was established in 1818 and is made of stone. It has beautiful stained-glass windows and a high arched ceiling that shows the beautiful wood in the ceiling. As with all small country churches, we struggle to keep people coming to our church. We would appreciate prayers for our church for growth and members.