

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Jesus Loves Me* William Bradbury
Melody Bell Sunday School Class

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 139 *Lobe den Herren*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness
and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

ANTHEM *Spirit Song* John Wimber
Lila Myers, *soloist*

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 29 *Diademata*

**Ascribe to God, you gods, ascribe glory and might;
Ascribe the glory due his Name, worship in holy light.
God's voice is on the deep, His thunder rolls on high;
The Lord is on the water-flood, God's voice a mighty cry.**

**Within God's temple all Cry "Glory!" and adore;
The Lord sits throned above the flood as King for evermore.
The Lord will give his strength to all his own, nor cease
To give his people evermore the blessing of his peace.**

THE SECOND LESSON Acts 3:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had
accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two
went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶
(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been
baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their
hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* SEQUENCE HYMN *Take Me to the Water* *Take Me to the Water*

Take me to the water.
Take me to the water.
Take me to the water to be baptized.

None but the righteous,
none but the righteous,
none but the righteous shall see God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning
in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John
answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is
more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his
sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing
fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into
his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been
baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit

descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from
heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The
Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* SEQUENCE HYMN *Take Me to the Water* *Take Me to the Water*

I love Jesus,
I love Jesus,
I love Jesus, yes, I do.

He's my Savior.
He's my Savor.
He's my Savior, yes, he is.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mr. Josh

SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

ANTHEM *Shall We Gather at the River* John Carter
Caroline Dill, *soprano*

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 529 *Foundation*
How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?"

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY George Frideric Handel
Minuet (from 9th Organ Concerto)

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Nancy Gochenour Stiltner's birthday, January 13th.
Nancy loved this church, by Britt Stiltner

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December January 9

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Education Building
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Acolyte Training / Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons
5:30 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meeting / Family Life Center

Monday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
5:00 p.m. Conway Cotillion / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. AI Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. WW Snack and Fellowship / Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. WW Activities / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / 2nd Floor Commons
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, January 13

8:00 p.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Friday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:15 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

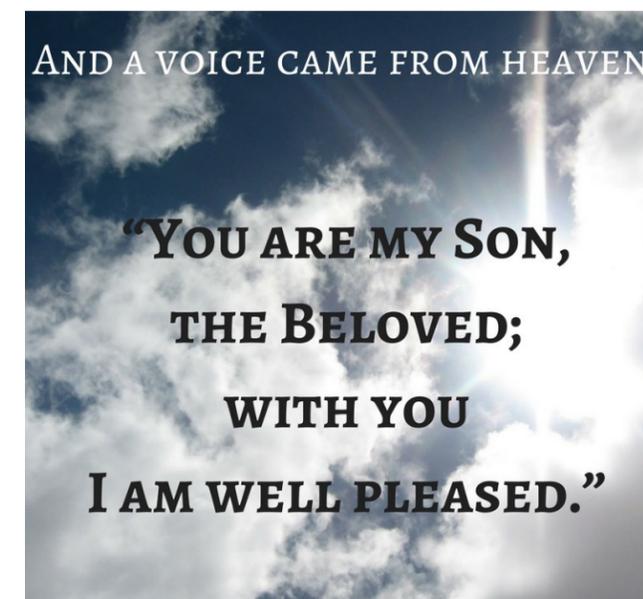
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January 9th, 2022
1st Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord
10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.



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