

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* OPENING DIALOGUE

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 189

St. Elizabeth

Fairest Lord Jesus

* THE GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,

light to the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,

nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,

I tell you of them.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalms 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 EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Wade in the Water

Spiritual

Wesley Treble Choir

Sara Randle, Julia Hagen, Olivia Fowler, Isabella Molyneux, *soloists*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

*Children ages three through first grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.*

SERMON

Shining Lights

Rev. Kyle Randle

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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. Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We cannot stop you, God!

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty. In Jesus Christ, his only Son. And in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now (vs. 2)

No. 608

**Let water be the sacred sign that
we must die each day, to rise again by
his design as followers of his way.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will.

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to the font to touch the water as a sign of refreshing.

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 605 *Beach Spring*
Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray

Hear us, God of light.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Spirit Now Live in Me

Fred Bock

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 252 *Aurelia*

When Jesus Came to Jordan

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *Hyfrydol* Paul Manz

* CONGREGATION STANDING

Today's service comes from the United Methodist Book of Worship, copyright 1992

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

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. FUMC Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal / Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
5:30 p.m. UMYF / Family Life Center (FLC)
5:30 p.m. Bridge Group / FLC

Monday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Fellowship / Room 216
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Adult Study / Room 218
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, January 16

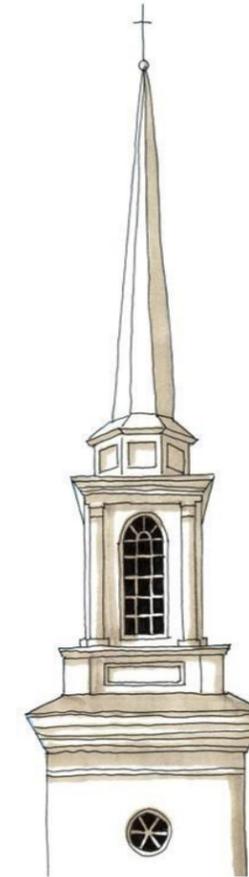
7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / Chick-fil-A
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
1:00 p.m. CAP Board Meeting / FLC 101
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, January 17

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting / UMW Room / Hut Chapel
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, January 18

3:00 p.m. Sayre and Family / Fellowship Hall



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Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020
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.