



# January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Baptism of the Lord

Dr. Lesley Ann Earles		Organist: Mrs. Edna Carr
Lay Reader	Elder Greeter	Ushers
Ms. Sheri-Lyn Slansky	Dr. Wayne Claeren	Chelsea and David Thornton

### Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ∞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ∞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude      *The Day Which is so Joyful*      Johann Buttstedt

Call to Worship      adapted from Horatio Gates Spafford

One: When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;

whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,

**All: It is well, it is well with my soul.**

One: Though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

**All: It is well, it is well with my soul.**

One: My sin oh, the bless of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; O my soul!

**All: It is well, it is well with my soul.**

One: Haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall resound and our God shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

**All: It is well, it is well with my soul.**

†Hymn (insert)      *Shall We Gather at the River*      SPIRITUAL

Moment with the Children      Ms. Carolyn Padgett

Sending Song      *Jesus Loves Me*      WARNER-BRADBURY

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession      adapted from the BCW

One: Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus

Christ; but we stray from the Way and do not heed your call.

**All: Have mercy upon us.**

One: In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

**All: Have mercy upon us.**

One: In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

**All: Have mercy upon us.**

One: In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow hatred to grow amongst us, putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and life in discord with all you have made.

**All: Have mercy upon us.**

One: In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion for all whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and will not listen to cries for justice.

**All: Have mercy upon us.**

One: In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world.

**All: Have mercy upon us.**

One: Have mercy upon us in remembrance of the promises you made to us in our baptism; forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name.

*Amen.*

Time for Personal, Silent Confession

The Kyrie Eleison      -*All are invited to sing*-      Hymnal # 572  
Lord, have mercy upon us.      Christ, have mercy upon us.      Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

†The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

### The Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading      Isaiah 42:1-9      NT Page 670

*The Servant, a Light to the Nations*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading      Matthew 3:13-17      NT Page 3

*The Baptism of Jesus*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      River Waters      Dr. Lesley Ann Earles

†Hymn (insert)      *Down to the River to Pray*      SPIRITUAL

†Affirmation of Faith      The Apostles' Creed

**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 arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Intercession with The Lord's Prayer

**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

Offertory      *Midnight Stars Make Bright the Night*      Hwan-Sha-Xi  
(Tune: Qi-fang Liang -- Setting: Edwin Childs)

†Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†Prayer of Dedication

### Sending

†Hymn #368      *I've Got Peace Like a River*      SPIRITUAL

†Charge and Benediction

†Hymn #432      *Song of Hope*      ARGENTINA

*May the God of hope go with us every day,*

*filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of justice speed us on our way,*

*bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;*  
*working, for a world that's new; faithful, when we hear Christ's call.*

Postlude      *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*      Johann Peter Heuschkel

## Welcome to Our Visitors

**Welcome** - We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.

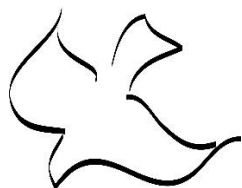
**Prayer requests** - Prayer request cards are located in the pew racks and may be turned in to the Elder Greeter before worship to have the individual included in Prayers of Intercession during worship (these requests will also be added to the printed prayer list). If you wish to only have an individual added to the printed prayer list, please turn your prayer request slip in in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

## Announcements

**Session Meeting** – Session will meet today at 12:30pm in the parlour.

**Book Club** – The Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday at 7:00pm in the parlour.

**Third Sunday Dinner** – Please make plans to stay after worship on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, and attend the Third Sunday Fellowship Dinner. Our hosts are Carolyn Padgett and David and Chelsea Thornton.



## Prayer List

*Please keep the following people  
in your thoughts and prayers:*

Scott Ballard  
Sandra Bussey (Carolyn Padgett's aunt)  
JoAnn Carr (Bonnie Seymour's sister)  
Linda Carrick  
Ross Churches (Kathy Brown's student)  
Martha Deering  
Chuck and Judy Falk  
Charlie Firestine (childhood friend of Steve Underhill)  
Barbara and Glen Franklin  
Debbie and Pat Hardison  
Kenneth Hurst  
Bettye Murphree (aunt of Ethelyn Brown)  
Butch Owens  
Alissa Phillips  
Frances H. Seymour (Don Seymour's mother)  
Rocky Stemen  
Chad Stevens (Steve Underhill's cousin)  
Greg and Frieda Urso  
Richard White (recent visitor)  
Gene and Lois Wilson (cousins of Ethelyn Brown)  
Evan Wrenn (Ethelyn Brown's friend)

## Next Sunday – January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

### Scripture

Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

### Elder Greeter

Dr. Wayne Claeren

### Lay Reader

Mrs. Lauren Underhill

### Ushers

Ms. Carolyn Padgett and Dr. Margaret Pope

## This week at our church:

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:30pm	<a href="#">Session Meeting</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00pm	Theology at Five
	8:00am	Yoga
	7:00pm	<a href="#">Women's Book Club</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Yoga
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	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:30pm	<a href="#">Third Sunday Dinner</a>
	5:00pm	Theology at Five

## Church Staff:

**Dr. Susie Francis Dempsey, Church Organist**  
**Mrs. Lin Veasey, CLP, Pastor of Programming and Visitation**  
**Mrs. Chelsea Thornton, Church Administrator**  
**Mr. Mark du Pont, Office Assistant**

## The Session

### Class of 2020

Jetta Manners  
Carolyn Padgett  
Laura Underhill

*Trustee:*  
David Talley

### Class of 2021

Margaret Pope  
Bonnie Seymour  
Steve Underhill

*Trustee:*  
Casper Bell

### Class of 2022

Ethelyn Brown  
Wayne Claeren  
Sheri-Lyn Slansky

*Trustee:*  
Toby Falk

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*Baptism of the Lord*



## Welcome to our Visitors

We are happy to have you worship with us and we hope you will return to worship with us again in the near future. Please indicate your attendance by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate. If you are interested in learning more about membership at First Presbyterian Church, please speak to our Pastor after the service.