

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service on Baptism of Our Lord**

*January 9, 2022, 9:45 am*

**Pre-Service Music:** *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* - Robert W. Thygerson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Presbyterian Pre-School Moment for Mission** – video presentation

**Prelude:** *What Can Wash Away My Sin?* - Kimberly Snow

**Introit #482:** *Baptized in Water* vs. 3

**Call to Worship** (Excerpted from Isaiah 43)

Thus says the Lord: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name and you are mine.

**When we pass through deep waters, the Lord will be with us.**

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

**Let us worship God.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

Ever ready with cleansing love, God invites our confession, offering mercy and strength so that we may start anew.

**Prayer of Confession**

**In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you,**

**for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit.  
Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the  
way of Jesus.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

The love of God flows ceaselessly.

**The mercy of God never ends.**

This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Gloria #581:**

**Anthem:** *The Baptism of Jesus*

**Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.* God of Grace. **Hear our prayer.**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance, so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray;

**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**

**Solo:** *Wade in the Water* arr. H. T. Burleigh

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear a true word from you and receive it with joy. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 43:1-7

But 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.  
When 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.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I 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—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John 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. His 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.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and 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 Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Affirmation of Faith from the Confession of 1967 on Baptism** (please stand)

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to men *and women* in their need and entered into his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying and rising with Christ and a joyful rising to new life. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship.

**Sending Hymn:#408** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place* (remain standing)

**Benediction:** (To be read in unison) (remain standing)

**Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoiced to be called children of God, through the same Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

**Postlude:** *Go Forth!* - Jason W. Krug (please be seated)

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Chancel Choir, Lorie Francis and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Liz Stottlemire and sermon provided by Rev. John Nipper.*

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