

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla  
Worship Service for the Baptism of the Lord**

*January 8, 2023*

**Pre-Service Music:** *My Savior First of All* - Lyndell Leatherman

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Reflection* - Mark Hayes

**Introit #480:** *Take Me to the Water*

**Call to Worship**

In baptism God claims us and names us Beloved.

**In baptism Christ joins us to himself and to one another.**

In baptism the Spirit is poured out upon us. Remember your baptism and be thankful!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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 #409:** *God is Here* vs. 1, 2, 4 (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

God has made a covenant with us and with our ancestors: to be a light to the nations, to bring freedom to captives, and to declare new and glorious things!

**In faith, let us confess our sin.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshipping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you.**

## **Declaration of Pardon**

The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests:

**everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name.**

We believe; **help our unbelief.**

Wherever you are on your journey,

**we are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.**

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Glory Be to the Father #581:** *(please stand)*

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

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

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

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.* Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and all teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified, 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**

**Hymn #688:** *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart vs. 1, 3, 5* (seated)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and  
live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 42:1 - 9

**Epistle Lesson:** Acts 10:34 - 43

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 3:13 - 17

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** A Visible Sign and Seal Jonathan Kimball

**Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (stand)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

(please stand)

**Doxology #606:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

