

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *Beside the Still Waters* – John Turner

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Peaceful Piano #16* – Mark Hayes

Introit #476: *Crashing Waters at Creation* vs. 3, 4
Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

Holy Triune God, author of community,

**come baptize us. Remind us what it means to belong
to one another.**

God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

Reveal to us your power that ushers in new realms.

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

**Declare to us your great delight
and hold us in your pleasure.**

God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

**Welcome us into the paradox
of strength that comes from weakness.**

Together, let us remember this day.

**In the Creator's love we are held,
into Christ's body we are baptized,
and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.
All glory to God. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God of baptism, you emptied yourself of privilege to free us from supremacy. You were submerged in the depths so that we would not be alone in them. You were lifted from the waters so that all might be lifted up. Amen.

Opening Hymn #375: *Shall We Gather at the River* (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, worshiping 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 we are on our journey,

we are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God* (stand)

Anthem: *The Baptism of Jesus* Austin Lovelace

Service for Installation of Officers:

Steve Skelton – Ruling Elder *Cheryl Koederitz – Deacon*

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

**Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of Him.

Installation Congregational Questions: (*responses*) - **We do.**

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.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially those in mission and international congregations.

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. We join together in the prayer that Jesus taught his followers 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 #288: *Spirit of the Living God* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1 – 7

Second Lesson: Acts 8: 14 - 17

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

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Anointed and Connected* Jonathan Kimball

Affirmation of Faith *Prayer for Listening and Speaking*

First Presbyterian – Rolla (stand)

In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #697: *Take My Life* vs. 1, 4

Prayer of Dedication: John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this town. We ask this through your son, our Savior Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

Sending Hymn #482: *Baptized in Water* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

Baptized in water, sealed in the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King
Go out into the world to share the Good News you have found.

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

Postlude: *Siyahamba/This Little Light of Mine* – Sandra Eithun

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