

Worship on the Lord's Day

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

Ten O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World/All Hail the Power

arr. Cindy Berry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As at the first creation, God calls us from chaos and darkness into the light of birth.

People: **“The voice of the Lord is upon the waters,” calling us to be immersed in the Spirit, as those baptized into grace and reborn in mercy.**

Leader: Come to the river of God's grace. Let us worship God who buoys us with unending streams of love.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world: oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Yours, O God, is the sweep of the prairie – the sun, the wind, the rain, the snow. Yours is the turning of the seasons, yours the villages scattered across it. Your hand creates the crystal snow, seeds of grain, and all the flowers. We praise you for all daily graces. But may we not seek you in these wonders alone; attune our hearts to the quiet miracles of love and friendship, the satisfaction of generous service, and the strength of your presence. Keep us, your servants, ever ready to sing your praise, always eager to serve as you call and guide us. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Let each pray silently)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON/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. A-men A-men.

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response

PRAYER RESPONSE

*O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels Thy blood so freely shed for me.*

*HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
2. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
3. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament Readings

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

“Come to the Water”

Rev. Doug Blaikie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist

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 rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory

Lord, When You Came to Jordan

Genevan Psalter

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

I'd Rather Have Jesus

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*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever,
Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.*

*POSTLUDE

Shout to the North

Martin Smith

**Please stand, if able*

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CLOSING HYMN – I’d Rather Have Jesus

1. I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I’d rather be His than have riches untold;
I’d rather have Jesus than houses or lands.
I’d rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

Refrain:

Than to be the king of a vast domain
And to be held in sin’s dread sway.
I’d rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords [today](#).

2. I’d rather have Jesus than men’s applause;
I’d rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I’d rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.
I’d rather be true to His holy name
(repeat refrain)
3. He’s fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;
He’s sweeter than honey from out of the comb;
He’s all that my hungering spirit needs.
I’d rather have Jesus and let Him lead
(repeat refrain)

Due to the likelihood of increased socialization during the holidays, increased cases of COVID-19 cases and new strains of the virus, the session of Bethesda Presbyterian Church has voted to suspend all in-person worship and other in-person church activities for the next three weeks ([January 1st](#) through [January 22nd](#)). This action has been taken out of an abundance of caution for the safety and welfare of all our church family. The Session will re-evaluate conditions and make additional schedule decisions at the January Session meeting on [January 17th](#). We urge all members to be aware of changes in their health and take all appropriate actions to prevent exposure to the COVID virus.

Bethesda will continue to post weekly on-line worship and Bible study on our YouTube channel. Please continue to monitor your email and the Bethesda website for the latest information and updates.

Let us begin the new year in prayer for the church, the nation and our Bethesda family.

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Michelle Melton
Bill Dover
Sonny Moore
Eddie Alan Smith, back
PNC Committee
Joni Walker- back

Steve Rawdon (Ruth’s husband)
Ethan Hose
Ruth Rawdon, back surgery
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Lou Anne Hildebrand- back pain
Margaret Moore

Homebound: Robert Jones (Brookdale- Spring Arbor), Billie Ann Burton (Carolina Gardens)

Birth: Ivy Lynn Funderbunk, 12-27-20 daughter of Brionna & Gary, great granddaughter of David & Esther

Marriage: Elizabeth Walker and Alex Loftin, 1-2-21

In the Community and Beyond

Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne’s sister-in-law)	Hildegard and Jim Bell’s granddaughter, lupus
Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven’s mother) ALS “Leggs”	Jessie Mitchell (Childers’ friend) cancer Vivian Fulmer (Bobby’s mother)
Amanda Hall (LaRayne’s daughter) leukemia	Casey Lane (Nancy Smith’s nephew) dialysis
Paul Short (Lindy’s father)	Ellen Green
Karen Blaikie (Doug’s sister-in-law) cancer	Scott McDaniel (Bill Dover’s son-in-law)
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn’s son)	Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt’s sister)
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby’s mother) cancer	Mary Parkman (Walkers’ friend) stomach cancer
Tommy Ligon (Carol Hope’s cousin) stroke	Cheryl Hughes, spine surgery
Johnny Rockholt (Faye’s son)	Blakely Percival- spinal surgery 11-2-20
Mattie Thomas (Jim Percival’s cousin’s granddaughter)	
Heath (Tara Rogers’ 3 year old friend) cancer	Karen Starkey, cancer
Ella Kingston (Lou Anne’s 2 yr old friend) genetic disorder	
Brian Hughes (Cheryl’s son) hospitalized in North Dakota, COVID-19 & pneumonia	
Gayle Russell Zeola (in intensive care- critical condition)	

Bethesda Global Mission Partners:

The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

TODAY’S NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery service suspended for now

NEXT SUNDAY’S NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery service suspended for now

JANUARY USHERS

Bobby Fulmer, Debbie Simpson, Linda Messer

The BPC Calendar

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School —Cancelled
	10:00 am	Worship —Cancelled available Online only
	10:00 am	Children's Church —Cancelled
	7:00 pm	Admin/Stewardship Committee —Cancelled
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts —Cancelled
Tuesday	7:30 pm	PNC Committee —Cancelled
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Wednesday Dinner —Cancelled
Thursday	4:00 pm	Thursday Bible Study —Cancelled available Online only

Life of the Church

WELCOME TO BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN! We are glad you're here. We hope all here will feel at home, strengthened in your faith, and that the Lord will be honored as we worship Him and respond in discipleship. If you have special needs, questions about Bethesda, or need Nursery assistance for children, please see one of our Ushers. If you are a guest who has been attending who is interested in becoming a member, we would love for you to see an Usher to discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of our church. Bethesda is a congregation of the PCUSA.

New 2021 FLOWER CHART is in the Narthex- sign up to place flowers in Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship and, if you wish info in the bulletin on that Sunday, notify Pat at **803-328-1360** or email bethesda@comporium.net by previous Tuesday.

Thank You Note

For our donors- A Joyful Christmas to You- "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:4-5 May you feel the love of Jesus in this holiday season!

We are so thankful for your support to Fundacion la Mision in 2020.

Tito Palacios

Copies of the **Bethesda Banner January Newsletter** are available.

New Offering Envelopes for 2021 are now available. Please contact the Church office **803-328-1360**, or email bethesda@comporium.net if you have questions.

Time and Talent forms and Pledge cards are available. Due to COVID-19, if you do not wish to do this in person, you may call Pat in the church office **803-328-1360**, and have a package mailed to you, or give your information to her over the phone.

Thanks to all who have been saving their plastic bags. In October and November, we collected over 200 pounds! Remember that the plastic we are collecting are: grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags. No plastic food containers - only plastics that can be crumpled into a ball. All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue. If we collect 500 pounds of plastic by April 15, Trex will award us with a beautiful Trex bench. It sounds impossible; but it's not—hundreds of schools and churches have done this. The bench will be placed near the playground beside the Fellowship Hall.

Bethelwoods- News and Updates- Thank you so much for all of the love and support we have received throughout this difficult year. We are eagerly planning for 2021. Summer 2021 Staff Applications are now open. If you know of any college age students who have a love of Christ and a passion for working with children, send them over to our website to fill out an application. Interviews will begin in mid- January. Questions, email info@bethelwoods.org or call **803-366-3722**.

Sunday Worship is available on the YouTube channel on our website. www.bethesdapres.org Check the Bethesda website for updates, information and family resources.

Join Pastor Doug each week for an "on-line" Bible Study. The new Study is on the Minor Prophets. Bible Study Lessons will be posted each Friday morning on our church YouTube Channel www.bethesdapres.org. Gather together, share with friends and family as we grow in God's Word together.

How Do I Contact My Pastor? Rev. Blaikie is available in the church office Tuesday – Friday between 9:00 am – Noon. Otherwise, you may contact him on one of the phones shown below:

Church office (803) 328-1360

Manse (803) 329-6441

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Trudy Amick
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Class of 2022

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Linda Messer
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Sarah Childers
Jimmy Darby
Susan Hibbard
Todd Russell

John Nettles, Clerk of Session

Todd Russell, Treasurer

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