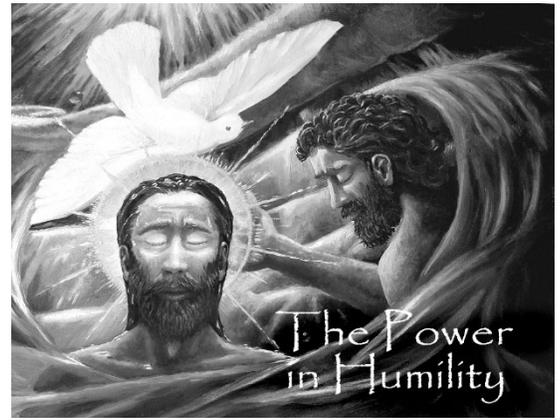


Worshiping God at
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023



Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teddie McConnell

Prelude

Seung-mee Oh

Opening Prayer

Pastor Teddie

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ, baptized by John in the Jordan, you came to share our life and deliver us from sin and death. As we are baptized with water pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to make us your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 29, Isaiah 42, Amos 5, John 1)

Claudette Hamilton

L: We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful!

P: We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

L: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.

P: : We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.

L: Both these things are true:

P: Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,

L: And our Savior is like a lamb.

P: Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.

A: Today we worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.

Service parts in bold: Everyone speaks in unison.
Parts with an asterisk: * Please stand in body or in spirit.

* Hymn #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

* Passing of the Peace

Pastor Teddie

Let us share the peace of God with each other, as we greet one another in the name of Christ.

Call to Confession (Based on Isaiah 42:1-9)

Claudette

Those who know God and love God are called to righteousness. We are called, through God, to open the eyes of the blind and establish justice on earth. Yet, we turn time and time again away from this calling. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Claudette

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

Please take time now for your own silent prayers. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Based on Isaiah 63:7-9)

Pastor Teddie

L: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

P: We are known and loved and forgiven. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Call for the Offering

Pastor Teddie

One way that we can live into our baptism is to share our resources with others and invest in the church, God's chosen vehicle for action in this world. Let us give freely in faith that whatever we give will be blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

Offering / Offertory

Seung-mee

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Pastor Teddie

Heavenly Parent, we offer you these gifts. Please bless them, just as you bless those who gave them and those who will receive them. May the sharing of this money remind us of the connection that holds us all together and the beloved community you call us to form.

* Affirmation of Faith (unison) (Book of Common Worship)

Pastor Teddie

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

* Litany for the Baptism of the Lord (Responsive)
(Book of Common Worship)

Pastor Teddie

L: O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation.
Help us show your light to all we meet today.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility.
Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your
Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance
to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from
heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descended upon you
like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

P: Lord, have mercy.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Greg Lee

Musical Reflection

Seung-mee

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Claudette

**Almighty God, in this season of Epiphany you invite us to seek Christ's
revelation. In the reading of this Scripture today, give us the eyes to see and
ears to hear who Christ is — in the Bible and in the world around us. May this
knowledge change us. Amen.**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Teddie

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Teddie

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Teddie

We give you thanks that The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion of the People

Pastor Teddie

Invitation: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Pastor Teddie

God, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever.

* Hymn #317

In Christ There is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding human kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:13)

Pastor Teddie

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Alleluia! **Amen.**