

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
January 9, 2022 – “The Baptism of Jesus”
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, today we recall:

Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

In baptism, our Creator claims us

And frees us from the powers of hatred and death.

In baptism we are joined to Christ,

And we are joined together in unity recalling:

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,

There is neither male nor female, for all are one in Christ Jesus.”

In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry

And makes us signs of divine love.

It is the mark of acceptance into the Church, and

The beginning of our growth into Christian faith and discipleship.

Therefore, on this day, the whole Church, the Body of Christ, Remembers and celebrates.

Let us worship God!

HYMN

We Call Ourselves Disciples

LANCASHIRE

We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.

We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.

As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ’s path to clear.

In joyful expectation we see God’s reign draw near.

*We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in Him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
We live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.*

*So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
In hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
We go to do God's mission! Christ lead us all our days.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid that they will overwhelm us. The fires of Your Holy Spirit burn brightly, and we fear that we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice Your activity among those who respond to Your leading. Free us, we pray, for service to You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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. Amen, Amen.*

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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 purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use for the common good.

Together, we are the Body of Christ,

And individually members of Him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make the church useful in the world, and we

call people to faith, so that, in the very end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as Teaching Elders (Ministers) and Ruling Elders (Members of Session). In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all. And if that person wants to be first among you, he or she must be the servant of all people.

***Just as Jesus came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life to set others free.***

Speaking for the people of this church, I invite the Elders-elect to come forward to be ordained and / or installed.

Elders-elect, God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ, your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of the world and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do you? ***(I do.)***

Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you? Do you? ***(I do.)***

Will you be instructed by the Confessions of our church, and be led by them as you lead the people of God? Will you? ***(I will)***

Do you endorse our church's government, and will you honor its discipline? Will you be a friend among your comrades in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit? Do you and will you? ***(I do and I will.)***

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? Will you? ***(I will.)***

Members of the congregation, do you, as members of this church, accept these people as Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please reply by saying "We do." ***We do.***

Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? Do you? ***We do.***

Please step forward for the laying on of hands, which will be accomplished this year by holding onto these ribbons.

Let us pray. Almighty God, in every age, You have chosen servants to speak Your word and lead Your loyal people. We thank You for these people who have been called to serve You. Give them special gifts to do their special work. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples, as long as they shall live.

Friends, you are now Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church, USA, and, for this congregation. Whatever you do, in thought, word, or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Him. And let all of God's people say: ***AMEN!***

Congregational Response # 343

*Called as partners in Christ's service. Called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment. Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, ***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.***

Congregational Response:

*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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For bringing us safely to this hour, we give You thanks, O God of Wind and Fire. May our offerings honor You. May our lives reflect Your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:15 -17; 21-22

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Baptism 101”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ – our King.
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ – our King.
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God’s praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King.
Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children, joyfully now God’s praises we sing.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers

The flowers on the Communion Table this morning are given in memory of Myra Kern, on her birthday, by her daughter, Barbara and her son, Richard.

Ordination of New Elders

New Elders Larry Foray and Craig Satterlee are being ordained today. Congratulations, Larry and Craig.

In-Person Session Meeting Sunday, January 16

The Session will hold an in-person luncheon meeting on Sunday, January 16, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Session members are asked to clear their calendars for this important meeting.

Annual Reports

If you are responsible for submitting an Annual Report, please get it to Leonora by the end of the day *today*. Reports should be submitted as a word document, Times New Roman font, 12 pt., and e-mailed to: fpcgoffice@gmail.com . Thank you.

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 23

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn will take place on Sunday, January 23 immediately following the Service of Worship.

The meeting is called to receive the Annual Report, to receive the 2022 budget, and to conduct other business as necessary.

Tuesday Fellowship Group – New Meeting Information

The Tuesday Fellowship Group has returned to its original time of 1:00 p.m. People who don't get out much are particularly encouraged to join. (Don't worry, we don't give out awards for perfect attendance.) If you don't have access to the Internet, you may call in at: 1 646 558 8656. **New Meeting ID: 820 4624 2452 Passcode: 675634**

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