

First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown
Baptism of the Lord Online Bulletin - January 8, 2023 - 10:30 AM

MUSIC FOR MEDIATION

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

“The Prayer”

Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered
over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could
cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary’s womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples’ feet in water.

**Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman,
the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!

HYMN PH 71

“Lord, When You Came to Jordan”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive
our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in our
sight through Jesus our Christ. *Silent prayer***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE “Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!” PH 145, Refrain

PROCLAIMING THE WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING -- Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 3:13-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SERMON

“Signs”

Rev. Elizabeth Vaneekhoven

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN PH 70

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

GLORIA PATRI

PH 579

THE OFFERING

*As we continue to provide support to our community during this time, we hope you will
consider giving through [this link](#) or by mailing your regular tithes and offerings.*

OFFERTORY

“Offertorium”

Young

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN 430

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Praise The Lord In Heaven”

Lowden

SHARING PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome back to our guest preacher Rev. Elizabeth Vaneekhoven. *“A liberal feminist theologian, I am also a sister, wife, mother and grandmother. Formerly a teacher, coach and school counselor in Bordentown Regional School District, I retired in 2007 to continue my seminary studies at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. I am a retired local pastor of the United Methodist Church, and continue to lead two small groups for Bible Studies. I am currently Assistant Dean of Mission U, a program designed to encourage mission and ministry for the United Women in Faith. This year’s program features an in-depth study of Luke 13: Who can we be together?, which will be held in July. My favorite past-times are traveling, reading and knitting.”*

Also serving this Lord’s day: Interim Director of Music Ministry Caryl Tipton; Accompanist Robert Lowden; Liturgist Cristy Ortu.

Please use the Joys and Concerns card in your pew for any prayer requests.

Please pick up your offering envelopes on the back counter/table.

We are truly grateful that pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Terry Fouse. If you are in need, please contact him at 609-585-3248 (h) or 609-540-4035 (c).

If you are in need of assistance with housekeeping, grocery shopping, laundry or meal preparation, please contact Judie Martin. We currently have someone working with a homebound church member who is looking for more work hours. Interested people would be responsible for checking references and setting up an interview.

Struggling or do you know someone in our church family who is? Our Congregational Care Team would love to offer support. Please reach out to Judie Martin @ (609) 505-0068 if you, or someone you know, could use help and support. If anyone needs a portable oxygen unit you can contact the office.

St. Mary’s Food Pantry Current Needs - *Sardines, canned fruit, canned potatoes, cereal.* You may place donations in right basket at rear of sanctuary OR drop them off when the pantry is open. Thanks for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, visit: <http://mmotcp.org/food-pantry>.

Please Remember in Your Prayers – From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: *Presbyterians for Earth Care; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Dorchester Presbyterian Church, Earth Care Congregation; Human Trafficking Awareness; Hispanic Latin Presbyterian Women; DOWNTOWN CHURCH, Columbia SC; Presbyterian pastor from Trinidad and Tobago.*

Today’s worship service recording will be available following worship on our website at <http://www.bordentownpresbyterian.org/worship.html>

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Brian Wren, 1979

Genevan Psalter, 1542



1. Lord, when You came to Jor - dan And asked to be bap - tized,
 2. Was this God's crown-ing mo - ment Of all You had be - come,
 3. Faith rests con - tent with ques - tions Of when and why and how,



What was Your vow and vi - sion Of love and sac - ri - fice?
 The Spir - it's power and bless - ing: "Go now, You are My Son"?
 But craves the gift of see - ing What God is do - ing now.



Was there a sud - den splen - dor Of proph - ets, priests, and kings,
 Did scrip - ture join with scrip - ture In words of sharp sur - prise:
 Lord, bring us to our Jor - dan Of new - ly o - pened eyes,



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A musical score for the hymn 'BAPTISM OF THE LORD'. The score consists of two systems. The first system is a vocal line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time, with lyrics: 'A wind that stirred the wa - ters, A blur of might - y wings? "The Lord's Mes-siah shall con - quer, Re - ject - ed and de - spised"? Through love, im-mersed in liv - ing, As You were once bap - tized.' The second system is a piano accompaniment in the same key and time, featuring a treble and bass clef with chords and moving lines.

Alternate tune: LLANGLOFFAN, 289

Matthew 3:13-16

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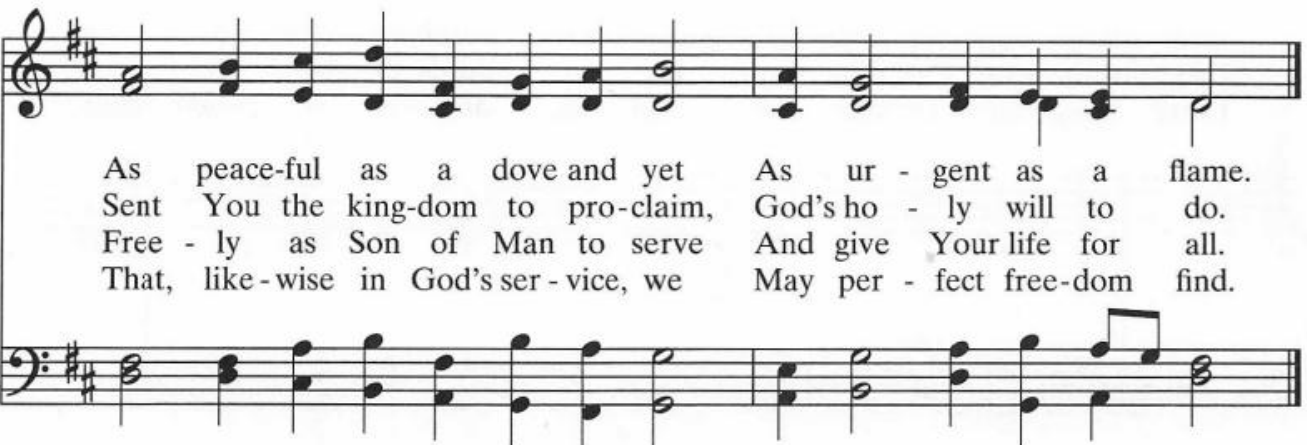
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CAITHNESS CM

F. Bland Tucker, 1979; alt. 1982

Scottish Psalter, 1635
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906


1. Christ, when for us You were bap-tized, God's Spir - it on You came,
 2. God called You "My be - lov - ed Son," The suf - fering ser - vant true,
 3. Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death You then o - beyed God's call
 4. Bap - tize us with Your Spir - it, Lord, Your cross on us be signed,



As peace-ful as a dove and yet As ur - gent as a flame.
 Sent You the king-dom to pro-claim, God's ho - ly will to do.
 Free - ly as Son of Man to serve And give Your life for all.
 That, like-wise in God's ser - vice, we May per - fect free-dom find.

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Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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Brian Dill, 1988

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.6.8.8

John Darwall, 1770

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
 3. Let cour - age be our friend, Let wis - dom be our guide,
 4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 Em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 As we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the - Lord!

This tune in a lower key, 155

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