

Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Christ our Lord to Jordan Came" Marcel Dupré
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP ... (8:30 a.m.) Courtney Boger; (11:00 a.m.) Alex Vaughn
(from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace – God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

How do you love God?

**By worshiping God, by loving others,
and by respecting what God has created.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Spirit, Working in Creation" No. 128

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5 (page 1, pew Bible)
(8:30 a.m.) Scott Vaughn; (11:00 a.m.) Tom Kirkland

HYMN: "When Jesus Came to Jordan" No. 241

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11 (page 33, pew Bible)

SERMON: "Remember Who You Are" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Baptized in Water" No. 679

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN: "Borning Cry" No. 680

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 for ever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Shall We Gather by the River" arr. Aaron Copland
(LuAnne Sledge, Soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "Go Forth in His Name" Graham Kendrick

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(8:30 a.m.) Donnie Robinson; (11:00 a.m.) Michael Culbreth

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Go to the World!" (verses 1 and 4) No. 553

POSTLUDE: "The Old Year Hath Passed Away" J. S. Bach

Cassette tapes of the service are available at the sound console located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord with Eloise Brawley
6:15 p.m. - PYF – Sunday Nitro at First Baptist Church
7:00 p.m. - All Sessional Committees
- Monday: 3:00 p.m. - Circle No. 3 in the Library
6:30 p.m. - Junior Troop 735
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
7:00 p.m. - Small Group, “He Chose the Nails,” with Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith in the Parlor
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study
3:30 p.m. - Genesis Ringers
6:30 p.m. - First Place
7:00 p.m. - Sisters-in-Christ Circle in the Parlor
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
9:30 a.m. - Brownie Troop 778

Guests: Welcome to First Presbyterian on this second Sunday of 2003. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Helen McCullough’s 90th birthday by John, Nancy and Laura Smith.

A New Member Class will be held in Room 222 during the church school hour—9:45-10:40 a.m.—today and the next two Sundays for those interested in knowing more about or becoming members of the church.

Sessional committees will meet this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Bible Study for Parents: A six-week Bible study, “Making Your Children Mind Without Losing Yours,” will begin next week. The study sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, January 21, and on Friday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. beginning Friday, January 24. Child care will be provided at both sessions. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending the study and if you need child care.

Offering envelopes for this new year have been prepared for members of our church. If you cannot find yours on the table at the rear of the sanctuary or if you need additional sets, please notify church treasurer LuAnne Sledge or the church office. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our church’s ministry.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Debbie Church and family in the death of her mother on January 7.