

Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2004

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Alleluia"..... W. A. Mozart
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Tom Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11)

Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings: praise his glory and power.

Praise the Lord's glorious name; bow down before the Holy One when he appears.

The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas;
the glorious God thunders, and his voice echoes over the ocean.

The voice of the Lord is heard in all its might and majesty.

The Lord rules over the deep waters; he rules as king forever.

The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

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

*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 Lord. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "Grace Alone" (refrain)..... Brown and Nelson

The Sealing of God's Word (11:00 a.m.)

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

*HYMN: "Come, Be Baptized"..... No. 676

Proclaiming God's Word

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (pew Bible, page 57)

(8:30 a.m.) Phifer Johnson; (11:00 a.m.) Ginny Swedenberg

SERMON: "Earth, Wind and Fire"..... Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Spirit Song"..... No. 352

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, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "What the Lord Has Done in Me"..... Reuben Morgan
(Alan Sledge, Soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "A Baptismal Hymn"..... Freeman

Down to the sacred wave the Lord of life was led; and he who came our souls to save, in Jordan bowed his head. On thee and thee alone our hope and faith rely; O thou who didst't for sin atone, who didst't for sinners die! With willing hearts we tread the path our blessed Savior trod. We love the example of our head, the glorious Lamb of God! We trust thy loving sacrifice; to thy dear cross we now do flee; O may we die to sin and rise to life and joy, O Christ in thee; to life and joy in thee, to life in thee!

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Roger Hyatt; (11:00 a.m.) Laura Bates

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN: "Go to the World!"..... No. 553

POSTLUDE: "Jesus and the Children"..... Austin Lovelace

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

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today at the 11:00 a.m. service to:

Mary Elizabeth Davidson, daughter of Jim and Lisa Davidson; 19620 Tryon Street, Cornelius, NC 28031; Mary Matheson and Mark and Jen McNeely will serve as sponsors.

Joshua Sawyer McClure, son of Marion and Carol McClure; 162 Nahcotta Drive; Richard Brown and Liz Tilt will serve as sponsors.

Our Next New Member Class will be offered this afternoon, 4:00-6:30 p.m., in Room 300. If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation or want to know more about what it means to be a Christian and/or a Presbyterian, you are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. Casual dress is recommended.

Catechism Club: The introductory session for Catechism Club will be held tonight in the fellowship hall. Adult mentors should plan to come to a meeting at 5:00 p.m., followed by a snack supper (cost: \$1 per person) for mentors, parents and children at 5:30 p.m. Following supper, children and parents will stay for a meeting concerning program details. Please contact Beverly Chappell or Ellen Auten if you have questions about this evening.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord Circle (No. 6) with Helen Johnston
4:00 p.m. - New Member Class in Room 300
5:00 p.m. - Catechism Club mentor meeting in the fellowship hall
5:13 p.m. - PYF – Salteens
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club supper with mentors, parents, and children
6:00 p.m. - Catechism Club meeting for parents and children
7:00 p.m. - Sessional Committees in the fellowship hall
- Monday: 7:15 a.m. - Men's prayer group
3:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ Circle (No. 3) in the Session Room
7:00 p.m. - Small Group with Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the Parlor
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at What-A-Burger
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir practice
- Thursday: 9:15 a.m. - Through the Bible Study in the Library
10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
7:00 p.m. - Sisters-in-Christ Circle (No. 2) in the Parlor
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

Birth: Congratulations are extended to Lynn (nee Jones) and David Monckton, 5623 Marion Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, into whose home was born a son, Michael Stokes Monckton, on December 22, 2003. Walt and Maggie Jones are the proud grandparents.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Anne Fryar and family in the death of her father on January 5 and to Martha Gragg and family in the death of her sister on January 9.

Presbyterian Men will hold their monthly breakfast meeting this morning at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All men and their teenage or older sons and/or daughters are invited.

Invitation: The congregation is invited to a service commemorating the work and service of Martin Luther King, Jr. at 3:00 o'clock next Sunday at Faith United Methodist Church, 430 Patterson Avenue. Dr. Vance Hunt, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church of Charlotte, NC, will be the guest speaker. A reception will follow the service.

These Days: The devotional booklets for January, February and March are available on the ledge at the rear of the sanctuary for members and friends.

In Memoriam

Kathryn Miller Brawley

February 20, 1918 – January 9, 2004

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth...that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13



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