

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 22, 2022 – Baptism of the Lord Sunday

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried, and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In baptism God claims us

All: and names us Beloved.

Leader: In baptism Christ joins us to himself and to one another.

All: In baptism the Spirit is poured out upon us.

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful!

All: Thanks be to God!

. . . TO PRAISE AND CONFESS

*HYMN 319

Spirit

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

KYRIE 574

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI 579

Glory Be to the Father

**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.**

THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also, with you.

Leader: Staying in our seats, I invite you to turn to your neighbor and greet each other with the Peace of Christ.

. . . TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

*Let There Be Peace On Earth
by Jill Jackson/Sy Miller*

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are excused for Sunday school.

HYMN 322, seated

Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Surprised in the Waters of Baptism

Rev. Hatch

. . . TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 368

I've Got Peace Like a River

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN 535

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

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 *Once Led to Your Font*

By Mark Sedio

During the Offertory, you may come forward and place your tithes and offerings in the plate.

*Doxology 592

**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 Thanksgiving

... TO GO OUT TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN 492

Baptized in Water

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG, insert

What Does the Lord Require of You?

POSTLUDE

**Please Stand If You Are Able*

Sanctuary Flowers Given this week to the Glory of God

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Gathered in God's grace and led by the Holy Spirit,
Alexandria First Presbyterian Church joyfully worships, prayerfully seeks,
and gratefully shares as a loving family growing in Jesus Christ.

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10:00 a.m.

Usher: Martha Harrison **Worship Assistant:** Marie Knapp
Director of Music Ministry: Stefanie Watson **Minister:** The Rev. Nick Hatch