



Living Mosaics
Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Song #480 "Take Me to the Water"

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

As Jesus stood in Jordan's swirling waters,

we stand in the muddy waters of our lives.

As Jesus submitted to John's baptism,

we submit our lives to God's transforming touch.

As Jesus trusted God's Spirit to fill him with wisdom,

we trust God's Spirit to illumine our minds.

As Jesus emerged from the waters of Jordan to give his life to God,

we will leave worship with a renewed sense of God's presence.

Song #482

"Baptized in Water"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life
as you bind us to the Body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain so preoccupied with ourselves
that we often overlook the needs of others.**

We cling to destructive habits and hold onto longtime grudges.

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life**

and live the adventure you summon us to live. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Response #492

"You Belong to Christ"

Passing the Peace

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Gill Timon, Lay Reader

Message

Greg Jones

Song #164

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

Offering

*If you have not already done so, please sign the blue notebook
and pass it to the person next to you.*

Remembering Our Baptism

Sentences of Scripture

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

Song #479

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

Reaffirming our Commitment to Christ

Do you accept Jesus Christ as your authority in life,
and the one who leads us to abundant life?

I do.

Will you strive to be Christ’s faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?

I will.

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Remembering Our Baptism

*Whether you are remembering your own baptism or celebrating the baptismal
promises offered to us all, we invite you to come to the water, take a stone, and
carry it with you as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.*

Song #490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"
Vs. 1 & 2

Sending

Song #490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"
Vs. 3

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon. At 10:10 a.m. we offer classes for all ages.

Our guest pianist is Jane Van Valkenburg, a retired church musician who has served churches in Michigan, Virginia, Ohio and Texas. A longtime member of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, Jane holds the association's Certified Church Musician designation and currently serves as Secretary of the Executive Board.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pauline "Polly" McPheeters from her family.

Please remember in your prayers Bill Francis, Kathleen Lowthert, Ann Shadduck, Frank Waldburger.

Children are welcome. Yellow worship bags for children are located the chapel entrance.

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Sudie Niesen Thompson
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