



## Baptism of the Lord Sunday

First Presbyterian Church  
of Petaluma, January 9, 2022

### PRELUDE

Jane Shelly

### WELCOME

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in our homes)

Loren Dooley

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence,  
not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John  
And anointed with the Spirit.

**We thank you and praise you, O God,  
for the gift of water and the power of baptism,  
for claiming us as your own,  
and for giving us new life.**

With grateful hearts, we shout to the heavens:

**We belong to God!**

### PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Let us pray. Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be  
your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit. Keep your children, born of  
water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling. In this time of silence, as Jesus  
heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your  
beloved, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

## SONG

### *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the Mount, I'm fixed upon it. Mount of God's unchanging love.  
Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.  
O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

## DISCOVERY TIME

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

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Let us confess our sins to God, whose mercy endures forever.

**Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges, we allow our past to hold us hostage, and are reluctant to welcome newness. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism, so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise.**

*Silence, a time for personal confession.*

Amen. People of God, believe this good news:  
You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart.  
The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace.  
In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1, 2, 5)*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
 She is his new creation by water and the word.  
 From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
 With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

**THE OFFERING**

Pastor John

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTING ON THE WORD**

Pastor John

## THE INVITATION

Come, brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Let us remember:  
Our baptism is the sign and seal  
of our cleansing from sin,  
and being grafted into Christ.  
Through our baptism  
we were made citizens of God's kingdom.  
Let us celebrate that freedom, redemption and belonging  
through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism.

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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.**

## OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

*Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (or in your preferred version)

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.

## CHARGE

### CLOSING RESPONSE

From where we are  
to where you need us,

**Jesus, now lead on.**

From the security of what we know  
to the adventure of what you will reveal,

**Jesus, now lead on.**

To refashion the fabric of this world  
until it resembles the shape of your reign,

**Jesus, now lead on.**

Because good things have been prepared  
for those who love God,

**Jesus, now lead on.**

Surround us with your presence,  
inspire us with your purpose,  
confirm us in your love.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

### CLOSING SONG

*Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you, each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know he will guide you in all you do.

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Worship Leaders: Pastor John Chase, Loren Dooley, Music Director Jane Shelly, Student and Family Ministries Director Grete Hansen, Accompanist Jenny Smith

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## Credits

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