



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, January 9, 2022, 10:00am, Baptism of the Lord

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

INTROIT

“Hallelujah”
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Ray

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 29)

Elizabeth Ngare
Seminary Intern

One: The God who created us says, “Do not fear!”
Many: **Do not fear because I have called you by name!**
One: Do not fear because you are mine!
Many: **When we pass through chaos, God will be with us!**
One: When we pass through chaos it will not overwhelm us,
All: **Because we are precious in God’s sight!**
Let us worship God.

†HYMN 54

“Make a Joyful Noise to God!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who desires to give us the fullness of life, forgive us when we ignore You and follow those who can only offer us an imitation of life and not the real thing. Allow Your Spirit to redirect our attention to You and to You alone that we might be filled to overflowing with Your life-giving presence. We pray this in the name of Your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†OUR RESPONSE 581 “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.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

For your protection and in accordance with our church's policy, all members of the Chancel Choir have been fully vaccinated.

Hymntune: DIX

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

This brief hymn of praise is an ancient text known as the Gloria Patri or “lesser doxology.” We sing it to express thanksgiving for God's forgiveness.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you!
Many: And also with you!
All: God who invites us on a journey,
allow Your Word to remind us
that You always walk beside us.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Ezra 1:5-11

ANTHEM

"True Light"
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Hampton

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Luke 3:15-22

SERMON

"On the Road Again: Packing for the Trip"
Dr. John Judson

Responding to God

MEDITATION

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Ronald Perkins, vocalist

Trenney

Sealing the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Materials with additional activities to support faith at home are sent in an email each Sunday morning. Contact Cindy Merten or Dawn Swarthout if you would like to receive this information.

Please follow along with the reading on page 421 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 60 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

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Bearing and Following the Word into the World

HYMN 309

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

Hymntune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II"

Mendelssohn

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

Our liturgist this morning is Elizabeth Ngare. Liz, originally from Kenya - East Africa - works in the healthcare field here in Michigan and is currently a student at Ecumenical Theological Seminary pursuing a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry. Liz is currently doing an internship here at Everybody's Church where she will further develop ministry practice skills for professional and personal growth as a pastor.

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day's worship.

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Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won - ders here dis - played, un-ex-celled through-out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven-ly home.



This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir-it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra-tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

THE CHURCH



work of build-ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

