

YOU ARE MY  
BELOVED SON;  
WITH YOU I AM WELL

*pleased.*

MARK 1:11, ESV



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 14, 2024

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

### Wild And Lone The Prophet's Voice

Morgan Simmons

**Call to Worship**

*Kelly Hanni*

Leader: We have gathered to rejoice in our oneness in Jesus Christ! Each of us experiences faith and life in a unique way.

**People: Yet we have one God, one faith and one baptism, and one Spirit who unites us all.**

Leader: Let us lift our hearts as one, in songs of praise, in prayer, and in listening for God's Word.

**All. Even when we leave this place, let us be joined in common concern for humanity, like that shown by Jesus Christ. Amen.**

† **Hymn of Epiphany**

#96

### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken,

for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail You as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without Your grace we waste away like flowers  
that wither and decay.

Stretch forth Your hand;  
our health restore and make us rise to fall no more.

O let Your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we acknowledge that we have not always remembered our baptism. We have forgotten that we are marked as Your own. We have not acted as members of the body of Christ. We have gazed contentedly on the status quo and ignored the voice that calls us to repent. We do not believe that we need to be forgiven for anything. Forgive us our arrogance, O God. Help us to look on Your Son as our model and to take His humility upon ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us Lord, to pray,  
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.  
Then by Your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread Your peace.

✦ **We Listen to God's Word** ✦

**Children's Message**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise

David Jackson | Arr. Mark Schweizer

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God In man made manifest.  
Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine changing water into wine:  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.  
Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now, and be pure as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be at thy great Epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

**Prayer for Illumination**

## The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:1–11 (NRSV)

If then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted Him even more highly and gave Him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.    **P: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 29** (tune: Lancashire)

#10

### Sing Glory to the Name of God

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines  
abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory  
saves. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing  
light. Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness cannot contain the echoes  
of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery. Alleluia,  
alleluia! A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the  
temple choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to  
God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:1–11 (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way, <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup> So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, “The One who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of His sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as He was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon Him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ    **P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**MARANATHA!**

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#163

Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice

Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,  
calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:

"Turn from sin and be baptized;

cleansing your heart and mind and soul.

Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's control.

"Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.

Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.

Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing

floor: then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill

God's store." (continued next page)

With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near, and his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear. So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod, till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offering Acknowledgement**    *Special Offering: Organ Repair Fund*

† **Doxology**

For this Thy glad Epiphany all glory Jesus, be to Thee.  
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love for Me

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach,  
no tongue declare.

O knit my thankful heart to Thee,

and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, Thine alone,  
I'd live; myself to Thee entirely give.  
O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell,  
but Thy pure love alone;  
O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure,  
and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
may every act, word, thought be love.  
O Love, how gracious is Thy way!  
All fear before Thy presence flies;  
care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er  
Thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see,  
nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry

Malcolm Archer

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

### **SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *Cathy Wilson*

Liturgist: *Kelly Hanni*

### **LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 69

Backpack Ministry: \$40.00

General Offering: \$4,328.00

Memorial Fund: \$50.00

Online Giving: \$1,278.35

**Total Offering: \$5,696.35**

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### **Sunday, January 14**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

**Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.**

### **Monday, January 15**

**MLK Celebration, 10:30 a.m. (Ashland Transportation Center)**

**MLK Luncheon, following the MLK march, here at FPC.**

### **Wednesday, January 17**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

### **Thursday, January 18**

**Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.**

**For those interested, we are going to watch last month's video at 5 p.m. Our normal session will begin at 5:30 p.m.**

### **Birthday Celebration**



From weekly bulletins to monthly newsletters; from emails to text messages and so much in between, we are blessed to have Nanette in our church office. Next **Sunday, January 21**, we will have the opportunity to say thanks to her as we celebrate her birthday following morning worship in the Narthex. Please join us in this celebration. Cards are welcome. Words of gratitude are always great as well. Thank you, Nanette, for everything you do to make FPC a church in which we are proud. Happy birthday!

### **Meetings Rescheduled**

▶ Finance Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 5:30 p.m.

▶ Sew Blessed–Monday, January 29, 6 p.m.

▶ Session Meeting–Tuesday, January 30, 5:30 p.m.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending January 11, 2024

Raechel Chambers  
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)  
Rachael Turner (Kathleen Filkins' daughter)

### Week ending January 4, 2024

Dan Cade (Kim Whitman)  
Russell Holbrook (Charlie Holbrook's son)  
Nate Lambert (Kim Whitman)  
Judy Lilly  
Susan Martell (Pastor Bill's sister)  
Fred McCullough (Charlie Holbrook's friend)  
Family of Phillip Maroudis (Charlie Holbrook's friend)  
Jeannie P. (Scott & Carol Sanderson)  
Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

### Week ending December 28, 2023

Family of Bill Hall (Geri Willis' brother)  
Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)  
Jane Justice  
Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)  
Wilma Potter  
(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)

*Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.*

**Ongoing:** Gretchen Dillon; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Jan Winans

**The Lantern:** Barry Barbour

**Morning Pointe:** Carolyn Graber

**Oakmont Manor:** Annie Miller

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

# Sermon Notes

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sermon title: \_\_\_\_\_

key verses: \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes

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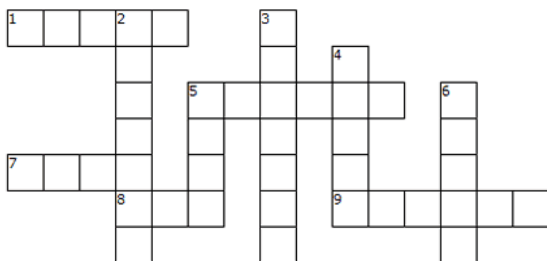
## Prayers

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## The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



### ACROSS

1. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

### DOWN

2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
6. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
9. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.

FORGIVE  
CONFESS

JORDAN  
WATER

JOHN  
SIN

DOVE  
VOICE

REPENT  
HONEY

## STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*  
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*  
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*  
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*  
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

## SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*  
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*  
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

## MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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